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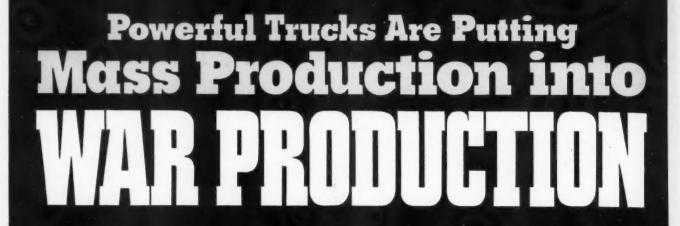
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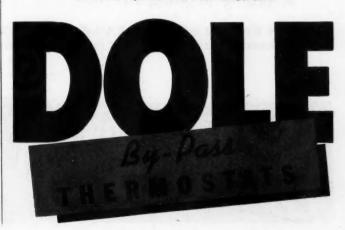


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# **How Large Is Ration Pool**

The number of trucks in the rationing pool, which started with an estimate of 190,000 and then dwindled to 160,000, is now estimated at 150,-000. ODT breaks this down into 45,000 light (under 9000 lb. gross); 95,000 medium (9000 to 16,000 lb. gross), and 10,000 heavy (16,000 lb. and over) units. Anybody is entitled to an estimate in the absence of an official inventory. But one manufacturer who is in position to know the inventory of his dealers believes that the 150,000 estimate is high. Knowing the ratio which his dealers' inventory has borne to total industry inventory in past years, this manufacturer estimates the truck pool at between 120,000 and 135,000 trucks.

### Rationers Under Pressure

The Allocations Section of ODT is under pressure from many sides. Long distance calls from operators who have learned locally that their applications have been sent to Washington consume and frankly waste time. The truck trade leads in letters of complaint, a matter which is discussed elsewhere in this issue. United States Senators add their weight to the pressure. The last time we checked, the Section was averaging 20 calls a day from Senators egged on by constituents.

# **ODT Unfinished Business**

Unfulfilled promises of ODT:
Naming of Local Appeal Boards;
Posting of Names of Operators
Granted Certificates of Transfer. Taking its time about the local appeal
boards, ODT has named a three-man
Central Appeal Board consisting of
M. V. Fredehagen, Office of Civilian
Defense, Washington; W. Foster
Banks, Motor Haulage Co., Brooklyn, and J. B. Pymer, The City Baking Co., Baltimore. Regarding posting, it is understood that the names
of the lucky winners will be posted
in Local Allocations Offices.



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# RUNAROUND

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# by GEORGE T. HOOK, Editor

## **ODT Conservation Musts**

The Office of Defense Transportation pushed conservation of equipment into a higher gear late in April with four General Orders covering all carriers. These are published in detail elsewhere in this issue. Fuller truck loads are demanded of all over-the-road carriers, and local carriers must effect a minimum mileage reduction of 25 per cent. Local carriers of the for-hire class and many in the private class still have a green signal, as we read the Order. The red light seems to be focused on private carrier retail delivery operations.

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# ODT ORDERS COMPULSORY CONSERVATION

General order requires local carriers to reduce mileage 25 per cent; common, contract & private over-the-road haulers must improve load factor of trucks O effect conservation of motor equipment the Office of Defense Transportation issued four General Orders on April 20 covering Common, Contract and Private Over-the-Road Carriers and Local Delivery Carriers. In each class certain types of carriers are exempted from certain provisions. The effect of the Local Carrier exemptions is largely to exempt all but retail delivery operations.

The orders were signed by Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, who prefaced the orders with the statement that they were being issued "By virtue of the authority vested in me by Executive Order, and in order to conserve and providently utilize transportation facilities and equipment, including rubber tires; to prevent shortages in motor truck equipment necessary for the prompt and continuous movement of necessary traffic, and to provide for the conservation of vital equipment, material, and supplies, including rubber, the attainment of which purposes is essential to the successful prosecution of the war."

In an explanatory statement accompanying the orders, ODT said:

"Each motor carrier knows best where most of the mileage reductions can be made in its own operations. We ask that each carrier thoroughly study its own operations in order to accomplish the maximum results intended by the orders.

"We ask further that each carrier adjust its services to comply with the spirit of the orders and we are confident all carriers involved will cooperate in attaining the required objective. Relying upon this belief, the orders are much less rigid in their requirements than would otherwise be the case.

"The attainment of full loads at all times is the objective of the Common, Contract and Private Carrier Orders. We realize this cannot be accomplished to perfection. Nevertheless, we must strive toward such a goal in order to accomplish the maximum results.

"We have established the tire carrying ability of the vehicle as a basis of computing the gross load. By merely deducting the unladen weight of the vehicle from the gross permissible weight, we arrive at the net payload. (This is explained in

Appendix 1.) Normally, many vehicles are loaded much in excess of their tire capacity. We are asking each carrier (Local Carriers excepted-Ed.) not to overload beyond 20 per cent. Tires will give maximum mileage if properly cared for and if not overloaded beyond 20 per cent. Tires are very vital in our war effort: it's almost a sacred duty to pro-

tect them properly.

"We are not unmindful that the effects of these Orders may, in some instances, cause inconvenience to the carriers involved. They were framed to avoid such injuries as far as possible. On the other hand, the war emergency requires that individual rights or interests of all our citizens be subordinated wherever necessary to the common good. We rely upon the patriotism of the carriers and shippers who will be affected by these Orders to cooperate in the highest possible degree in making them effective even though they appear to affect them adversely."

Following are the Orders, communications regarding which should be addressed to John L. Rogers, Director, Division of Motor Transport, Office of Defense Transportation, Room 4211 Interstate Commerce Commission Bldg., Washington, D. C.

# COMMON CARRIERS OF PROPERTY

(General Order O.D.T. No. 3, Part 501—Conservation of Motor Equipment)

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1942** 

501.4 DEFINITIONS. (See Table 1.) 501.5 ELIMINATION OF WASTE. On and after the effective date specified herein. every common carrier shall:

(a) Eliminate waste in operation and in duplication of parallel services, and curtail schedules and services to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this

(b) Conserve and properly maintain tires, motor truck equipment and other facilities necessary in conducting the business of a common carrier.

501.6 LOADING AND OPERATING REQUIRE-MENTS. On and after the effective date specified herein, no common carrier shall:

(a) Operate a motor truck transporting a gross load which exceeds by more than twenty (20) per cent its capacity as defined herein.

(b) Operate a motor truck in over-theroad service unless such truck is loaded to capacity at origin point and will be loaded to not less than seventy-five (75) per

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# TABLE 1-DEFINITIONS (Alphabetically)

CALL BACKS-The term "call backs" means every call by a vehicle of a local carrier at the premises of any one person subsequent to the first call on any given day, and included calls made for the sole purpose of picking up property for return to consignor, or for

making collections.

CAPACITY—The term "capacity" means the rated load-carrying ability of the tires on the motor (as shown in Appendix No. 1 attached hereto). Where the commodity is of light density the total space available for a load shall be the measure of capacity.

CIRCUITOUS ROUTE—The term "circuitous route"
means any route or routes or combination thereof
which exceeds the most direct highway route by ten

(10) per cent.

COMMON CARRIER-The term "common carrier" means any person which holds itself out to the gen-eral public to engage in the transportation of property in over-the-road service by motor truck for compensation, regardless of the designation of such person under any Federal or State statute.

CONTRACT CARRIER—The term "contract carrier"
means any person other than a common carrier as defined above which engages in transportation of prop-erty in over-the-road service for compensation.

LOCAL CARRIER-The term "local carrier" includes every person engaged in the transportation of property by vehicle for compensation or in the furance of or incidental to any commercial enterprise, within any municipality or other urban community, or between contiguous municipalities or communities, within a zone adjacent to and commercially a part of any such municipality or municipalities or com-munities, or in making hauls which do not exceed 15

miles in length.

MOTOR TRUCK—The term "motor truck" either (1) a straight truck, (2) a combination truck-tractor and semi-trailer, (3) a full trailer, (4) or

tractor and semi-value, any combination thereof. The term "office" means the Office of

OVER-THE-ROAD

-The term "over-the-road" service means all operations except those wholly within any municipality or urban community, or between contiguous municipalities or urban communities, or within a zone adjacent to and commercially a part of any such municipality or municipalities or urban comnities, or except hauls not more than fifteen (15) miles in length.

PERSON (As used in the case of Private Carriers)

The term "person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association, including a farm cooperative association as defined in the Agricultural Marketing Act, approved June 15, 1929, as amended, or joint stock association, or Government or Governmental Agency, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof.

The above definition applies to the Common and Contract Carrier orders with the exception of

the words shown in light face type.

The Local Delivery Carrier definition of Person is: The term "person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, corporation, company, association, including any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof, and any agency of the United States or of any State not herein-

PRIVATE CARRIER-The term "private carrier" means every person other than a common carrier or a contract carrier as defined above who transports propy by motor truck in over-the-road service. PROPERTY—The term "property" means

terial, equipment and supplies of every kind, capable of being transported by motor truck.

SPECIAL DELIVERY-The term "special delivery" means a delivery by vehicle made at the special in-stance or request of a particular person other than as a part of a regular scheduled delivery service.

as a part of a regular scenario derivery service.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT—The term "special equipment" means any motor truck the primary carrying capacity of which is occupied by mounted machinery, or by a mounted tank or tanks designed to carry bulk liquids: low-bed motor trucks, pole trailers or pipe

VEHICLES-The term "vehicle" means any rubbertired vehicle propelled or drawn by mechanical power or by horses. (Applies only to Local Delivery Car-

## **TABLE 2—EXEMPTIONS**

### A. Exemptions (All Over-the-Road Carriers)

The provisions of Loading and Operating Requirements sub-section (b) of the Common, Contract and Private Carrier Orders shall not apply to or include the following:

1. A motor truck exclusively containing explosives dangerous articles, as the latter are defined in 18

U. S. Code 383.

 A motor truck controlled and operated by any person or persons principally engaged in farming when used in the transportation of agricultural commodities and products thereof from a farm or farms, or in the transportation of farm supplies to a farm or farms.

3. Any motor truck coming within the definition of

special equipment.

4. Any motor truck or vehicle owned, controlled or operated by the armed forces of the Federal or a State

5. Any motor truck operated exclusively in behalf

6. Any motor truck used exclusively in the maintenance of any public utility.

7. Any motor truck operated exclusively in the furtherance of public health and safety.

## B. Exemptions (Local Delivery Carriers)

The provisions of the Local Delivery Carrier Order all not apply to the following: Motor trucks described in items 2 and 4 above.

To local carrier vehicles operated exclusively in connection with the construction and maintenance of essential telegraph, telephone, organized radio com-munications, electric light and power, gas, water supply, sewage disposal, garbage disposal, and sanita-

To that portion of the business of any local car-rier rendered in performing pick-up and delivery service for line-haul motor, rail, express, air and water car-riers, or for freight forwarders.

# TABLE 3—OPERATION BY SPECIAL AUTHORITY

The provisions of the Orders shall not apply to any motor truck or vehicle which is engaged in a movement that is authorized by special or general permit of the Office of Defense Transportation.

### TABLE 4—RECORDS & REPORTS

A. Every over-the-road carrier-common, contract and private—shall prepare and maintain such records and make such reports, as the Office of Defense Transportation may hereafter require for the purpose of these Orders, and keep such records available and m for inspection at all reasonable times for investigation by the Office.

B. Every carrier covered by the Local Delivery

Carrier Order shall prepare and maintain records as to mileage performed and steps taken to comply with the requirements of the section dealing with special deliveries, call backs, number of deliveries and reduc-tion of mileage, and shall prepare and maintain such other records as the Office of Defense Transportation may hereafter require. All such records shall be kept available and open for inspection to representatives of the Office at all reasonable times.

# **ODT ORDERS COMPULSORY CONSERVATION**

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cent of capacity on the return trip; or unless loaded to seventy-five (75) per cent of capacity at origin point and will be loaded to capacity on the return trip: PROVIDED, however, that no intermediate point at which a portion of a load has been discharged shall be deemed to be a point of origin, but the point at which the last portion of a load has been discharged shall be deemed to be the point of the beginning of a return trip; and, PROVIDED further, that when a motor truck has moved, loaded to capacity, in the direction of the heavy general flow of traffic by motor truck, it may be returned to its origin point partially loaded or empty, if there is no property in the possession of or on order to any common carrier awaiting transportation to, beyond or intermediate to said origin point to which said motor truck is returning, in a quantity which is beyond the capacity of such other carrier to transport within the time limit provided in Section 501.12 hereof.

(c) Accept or receive any property for transportation or transport any property, over any circuitous route or routes, except when no carrier capable of performing the service over a direct route is available. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this sub-section shall prevent a common carrier from operating over a circuitous route when the direct route may be unsafe or unusuable or may be more destructive to tires or motor trucks.

501.7 OPERATIONS WHEN EMPTY. Nothing contained in sub-section 501.6 (b) of this Order shall prevent a motor truck from moving empty from the point of final discharge of loading to a nearby point, where traffic is available for loading, if such traffic cannot be transported by any carrier under any of the conditions set out in said sub-section 501.6 (b).

501.8 EXEMPTIONS. (See A in Table 2.) 501.9 OPERATIONS BY SPECIAL AUTHORITY. (See Table 3.)

501.10 SUBMISSION OF PLANS. Whenever joint action between two or more common carriers is contemplated in order to accomplish any of the purposes of this Order, such carriers may formulate and submit to this Office for consideration a plan or plans designed to accomplish such purposes by one or more of the methods described below:

(a) Alternate or stagger motor truck schedules between two or more points.

(b) Reciprocally exchange shipments or property between two or more points.

(c) Pool traffic, revenues, or both, between two or more points.

(d) Jointly load or operate a motor truck or trucks between two or more points.

 (e) Divert traffic, lease equipment, operate joint terminals or pick-up or delivery vehicles.

(f) Establish arrangements with other carriers for the interchange of equipment.

(g) Appoint one of their own number or any other person or carrier to act as its or their individual, common or joint agent, to concentrate, receive, load, forward, carry, unload, distribute and deliver property; receive, account for, and distribute gross or net revenues therefrom, or otherwise handle or conduct the carrier's business as carriers of property upon just and reasonable terms and conditions. PROVIDED, that this Order shall not be construed to authorize any carrier or carriers to operate in any of the methods described in this section unless directed so to do by the Interstate Commerce Commission or a State regulatory body or the Office of Defense Transportation.

501.11 Interchange of Traffic. Every common carrier whether by rail, motor, water or otherwise shall accept and receive from any other carrier and transport all shipments of every kind. Such shipments shall be handled and transported in the same expeditious and efficient manner as shipments of a like nature received from any other source: Provided, that no carrier shall be required to accept or receive shipments it is not authorized to transport, or at a point or points which the receiving carrier is not authorized to serve, or beyond his or its ability to transport.

501.12 Holding shipments. No common carrier shall hold, carry over, store, or warehouse any shipments at any one station, except the final destination of the shipment, for longer than 36 hours, or at two or more such stations for an aggregate period of more than 48 hours, except where there is no other carrier or carriers capable of transporting the shipments consistently with the provisions of this Order.

501.13 Records and reports. (See A in Table 4)

501.14 CARRIER LIABILITY. Common carrier responsibility to the owner of the property and among the participating carriers shall be as provided by law for initial, terminating, intermediate or delivering carriers.

501.15 Division of Revenues. Every common carrier by rail, motor, water or otherwise shall establish just, fair and equitable divisions of revenues derived from transportation performed pursuant to this Order. Unless the division of revenues from any interchanges made pursuant to the provisions of this Order shall have been agreed upon by the interested carriers, or shall have been prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, or by the appropriate State regulatory body, such revenues shall be divided as this Office shall order.

# CONTRACT CARRIERS OF PROPERTY

(General Order O.D.T. No. 4, Part 501—Conservation of Motor Equipment EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1942

501.16 Definitions. (See Table 1) 501.17 ELIMINATION OF WASTE. On and after the effective date specified herein,

every contract carrier shall:

(a) Eliminate waste in operations and curtail schedules and services to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order.

(b) Conserve and properly maintain tires, motor truck equipment, and other facilities necessary in conducting the business of a contract carrier.

501.18 LOADING AND OPERATING REQUIRE-MENTS. On and after the effective date specified herein, no contract carrier shall:

(a) Operate a motor truck transporting a gross load which exceeds by more than twenty (20) per cent its capacity as defined herein.

(b) Operate a motor truck in over-theroad service unless such truck is loaded to
capacity at origin point and will be loaded
to not less than seventy-five (75) per cent
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of a return trip.

(c) Accept or receive any property for transportation or transport any property, over any circuitous route or routes, except when no carrier capable of performing the service over a direct route is available. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this sub-section shall prevent a contract carrier from operating over a circuitous route when the direct route may be unsafe or unusable, or may be more destructive to tires or motor trucks.

501.19 OPERATIONS WHEN EMPTY. Nothing contained in sub-section 501.18 (b) of this Order shall prevent a motor truck from moving empty from the point of final discharge of lading to a nearby point, where traffic is available for loading, if such traffic cannot be transported by any carrier under any of the conditions set out in said sub-section 501.18 (b).

501.20 Exemptions. (See A in Table 2) 501.21 Operations by Special Authority. (See Table 3)

501.22 SUBMISSION OF PLANS. Whenever joint action between two or more contract carriers is contemplated in order to accomplish any of the purposes of this Order, such carriers may formulate and submit to this office for consideration, a plan or plans designed to accomplish such purposes by one or more of the methods described below:

(a) Alternate or stagger motor truck schedules between two or more points.

(b) Reciprocally exchange shipments or property between two or more points.

(c) Pool traffic, revenues, or both, between two or more points.

(d) Jointly load or operate a motor truck or trucks between two or more points.

(e) Divert traffic, lease equipment to a common or contract carrier. Provided,

# APPENDIX NO. 1

The capacity of any motor truck shall be determined by multiplying the number of tires, of the size and description, mounted on the running wheels of such motor truck by the number pounds of rated load carrying ability of such tires as designated in this Appendix; from the result of this computation there shall be deducted the unladen weight of the motor truck; the remaining balance, for the purposes of this Order shall be the capacity of such motor truck as defined herein.

EXAMPLE: Truck and trailer with 10 tires, size 9.00-20, each of which has load-carrying ability of 3450 lb. The unladen weight of combination is 14,500 lb. Multiplying 10 by 3450 lb. equals 34,500 lb., minus 14,500 lb. unladen weight leaves 20,000 lb. load to be carried. (General Orders allow 20 per cent additional load—Ed.)

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15"	6	1500	8.25-15	10	2275	12.00-20 (11.25-20)	14	5475
15"	8	1700	8.25-15	12	2600	12.00-20/40x10	16	5875
6.00-16	6	1130	8.25-18	10	2550	12.00-22	14	5800
6.00-17	6	1250	8.25-18	12	2925	12.00-24 (11.25-24)	14	6150
6.00-20	6	1400	8.52-20 8.25-20	10	2750	12.00-24/44x10	16	6600
6.00-20/30x5	8	1700	8.25-20	12	3150	13.00-20 (12.75-20)	16	6750
6.50-16	6	1290	8.25-22	10	2950	13.00-24 (12.75-24)	16	7575
6.50-17	6	1500	8.25-24	10	3125	14.00-20 (13.50-20)	16	8200
6.50-18	6	1575	8.25-24	12	3600	14.00-20 (13.50-20)	18	8700
6.50-20 6.50-20/32x6	6	1700 1950	9.00-15	10	2875	14.00-24 (13.50-20)	16	9150
7.00-15	8	1415	9.00-15 9.00-18	12	3200 3225	14.00-24 (13.50-24)	18	9700
7.00-15	8	1575	9.00-18	12	3600	#10		1100
7.00-16	6	1485	9.00-20	10	3450	#11	6	1100
7.00-16	8	1650	9.00-20/36x8	12	3850	#12	6	1200
7.00-17	6	1550	9.00-22	10	3675	#13	6	1300
7.00-17	8	1725	9.00-24	10	3925	#14	6	1400
7.00-18	8	1800	9.00-24/40x8	12	4375	#15		1500
7.00-20	8	1950	10.00-15 (9.75-15)	12	3375	#16	6	1600
7.00-20/32x6	10	2250	10.00-18 (9.75-18)	12	3775	#17	8	1700
7.00-24/36x6	10	2575	10.00-20 (9.75-20)	12	4000	#18	8	1800
7.50-15	8	1825	10.00-20/38x9	14	4350	#19	8	1900
7.50-15	10	2225	10.00-22 (9.75-22)	12	4275	#20	10	2000
7.50-16	6	1660	10.00-24 (9.75-24)	12	4550	#22	10	2200
7.50-16	8	1850	10.00-24/42x9	14	4925	#28	10	2800
7.50-17	8	2000	11.00-18 (10.50-18)	12	4200	#34	10	3400
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7.50-18/32x7	10	2500	11.00-20 (10.50-20)	14	4850	#42	12	4200
7.50-20	8	2250	11.00-22 (10.50-22)	12	4750	#44	12	4400
7.50-20/34x7	10	2700	11.00-24 (10.50-24)	12	5000	#48	12	4800
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that this Order shall not be construed to authorize any carrier or carriers to operate in any of the methods described in this section unless directed so to do by the Interstate Commerce Commission, or a State regulatory body, or the Office of Defense Transportation.

501.23 Records and Reports. (See A in Table 4)

# PRIVATE CARRIERS OF **PROPERTY**

## (General Order O.D.T. No. 5, Part 501—Conservation of **Motor Equipment) EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1942**

501.24 Definitions. (See Table 1) 501.25 ELIMINATION OF WASTE. On and after June 1, 1942, every private carrier shall:

(a) Eliminate waste in operations and conserve and properly maintain tires, mo-tor truck equipment and other facilities necessary in conducting the transportation by the carrier, and curtail schedules to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order.

501.26 LOADING AND OPERATING REQUIRE-MENTS. On and after the effective date specified herein, no private carrier shall:

(a) Operate a motor truck transporting a gross load which exceeds by more than twenty (20) per cent its capacity as defined

(b) Operate a motor truck in over-theroad service unless such truck is loaded to capacity at origin point and will be loaded to not less than seventy-five (75) per cent of capacity on the return trip; or unless loaded to seventy-five (75) per cent of capacity at origin point and will be loaded to capacity on the return trip: PROVIDED, however, that no intermediate point at which a portion of a load has been discharged shall be deemed to be a point of origin, but the point at which the last portion of a load has been discharged shall be deemed to be the point of the beginning of a return trip.

(c) Use a circuitous route in any transportation movement, except when no carrier capable of performing the service over a direct route is available.

501.27 OPERATIONS WHEN EMPTY, Nothing contained in sub-section 501.26 (b) of this Order shall prevent a motor truck from moving empty from the point of final discharge of lading to a nearby point, where traffic is available for loading, if such traffic can not be transported by any carrier under any of the conditions set out in said sub-section 501.26 (b).

501.28 Exemptions. (See A in Table 2) 501.29 Operations by Special Authority. (See Table 3)

501.30 Records and Reports. (See A in Table 4)

# LOCAL DELIVERY CARRIERS (General Order O.D.T. No. 6, Part 501—Conservation of Motor Equipment)

501.31 Definitions. (See Table 1) 501.32 SPECIAL DELIVERIES, CALL BACKS, NUMBER OF DELIVERIES. Effective May 15, 1942, no local carrier shall:

(a) Make any special deliveries except to hospitals and the armed forces of the United States and except deliveries of medicines and other necessary supplies for the protection in emergencies of the public health, life, and safety.

(b) Make any call backs.

(c) Make more than one delivery on any one day to any one person, except special deliveries authorized by sub-section 501.32 (a) of this section; provided, however, that when one day's shipment or shipments to any one person exceed the capacity of a single vehicle, then and in that event delivery of such shipment or shipments shall be considered as one delivery.

501.33 REDUCTION OF MILEAGE. Effective June 1, 1942, each local carrier shall reduce the total monthly vehicle mileage of rubber-tired vehicles in a minimum amount equal to 25 per cent of the total mileage of vehicles in operation during the same calendar month of the year 1941 exclusive of the mileage eliminated as a result of the requirements of Section 501.32 of this Order. In the event any local carrier was not engaged in operation during the corresponding calendar month in 1941, the mileage of vehicles operated by such local carrier during the month of May, 1942, shall be used as a basis for computing the reduction in monthly vehicle mileage as herein required.

501.34 PROPOSED PLANS FOR JOINT AC-TION. All joint and collective action taken by local carriers in compliance with this Order shall be in conformity with the terms and provisions of the joint statement issued by the Office of Defense Transportation and the Department of Justice dated March 12, 1942. (See COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL, April, 1942, page 132-Ed.) In accordance with such statement, proposed plans for pooled or cooperative deliveries, for curtailing services, or for entering into other arrangements involving joint action by local carriers may, if desired, be submitted to this Office for consideration and approval. In order that this Office may be informed concerning plans which have been or are hereafter placed in operation without such prior submission for consideration and approval, a copy of each such plan shall be filed with this Office.

501.35 Records and Reports. (See B in Table 4)

501.36 Exemptions. (See B in Table 2)

HE first month of truck and trailer rationing brought a flood of applications—50,000 of them—and in their wake a mounting wave of private grumbling and dissatisfaction and of outright complaint lodged with ODT and WPB officials charged with the rationing.

The dissatisfaction, expressed by both operators and the trade-with the latter more expressive and insistent that something be done, arose from the fact that of 50,000 applications received at Local Allocations Offices only the Class 1 and 2 applications were given any consideration during the first month, and from the supplementary fact that of the 10,000 Class 1 and 2 applications only 4,000 were granted PD-321 Certificates of Transfer. It is understood that only a few hundred of the 10,000 applications were rejected and the rest were returned because they were improperly or inadequately filled out.

Early in April the Allocations Section of ODT ordered the Local Allocations Officers to send in the Class 3 applications which met with their approval. But there were indications that the disposition of Class 3 applications would merely add to the dissatisfaction. Among these indications was an official ODT statement aimed at discouraging applications from "operators seeking to buy commercial vehicles as they normally would under a business-as-usual economy." ODT urged operators not to apply for new vehicles unless they were certain that the new vehicles would "actually help, directly or indirectly, in winning the war." From this it would appear that unless an application measured up to the war-winning standard it would stand little chance of being approved.

This is certain to add to the alarm of the trade, which is in the middle and holding the enormous bag of 150,000 trucks supposed to be in the rationing pool. The truck dealer is in the middle and alone. Except for those that have branches, factories are not involved in the problem and most of the factories not involved are not concerning themselves with the plight of dealers. It is the dealer whose financial investment is in greatest jeopardy. He has the trucks, the factory has its money and the government has its taxes. The trucks represent a huge financial investment and a burden, as matters stand. The

# A DISCUSSION OF TRUCK RATIONING

"When will trucks be rationed?" operators ask and the trade wonders. The rationers sympathize with the trade's plight, propose relief, and ask operators to understand their position and their problem



dealer —the entire trade—needs and wants relief, hence the complaints.

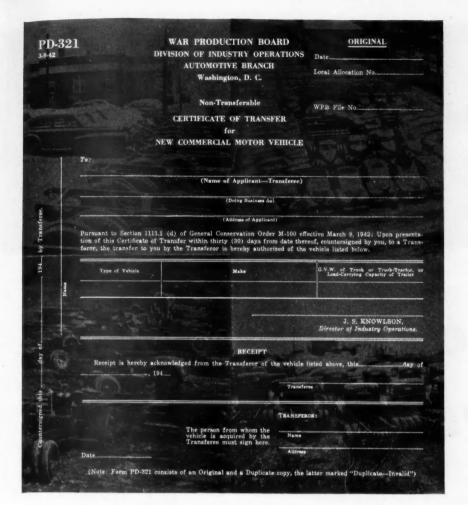
The trade complains-

1. That applications are being returned on mere technicalities and feels that a less captious attitude should prevail among those passing on applications.

2. That the application form should be simplified, some of the questions being too technical and legal to be answered properly and intelligently, and others serving no sound purpose that has to do with rationing, one question in particular certain to scare out honest answers and encourage subterfuge.

3. That unless applications are granted at a higher rate than during the first month equipment will deteriorate because much of it is stored in the open and subject to the depreciating effects of the elements.

4. That ODT and WPB should not adopt a policy of extreme caution simply because 50,000 applications were received in the first month. This 50,000, it is argued, represents a fourmonth demand built up by the freeze during the months of January and February and 10 days of March and by the fact that many of the trucks ordered with special equipment from the middle of November through De-



These trucks in the rationing pool are getting plenty of fresh air deteriorating in the open awaiting someone with a certificate to place them in service



cember were caught in the freezing order. From here in, it is contended, applications will fall far short of any 50,000-a-month standard.

5. That some consideration be given to the trade in areas where there is no defense work and therefore no Class 1 and 2 applications. In such areas applications in the other classes should be honored or else some plan should be developed to make these trucks available in defense areas. Otherwise the trucks will deteriorate, the dealer will go broke, transportation will be wasted and the purpose of rationing will not be served.

6. That some consideration be given to applicants seeking to acquire trucks caught in the freeze, especially where such trucks are equipped with bodies designed to meet the needs of the applicant but wholly unsuited to the requirements of Class 1 and 2 eligibles. It is suggested that ODT assign a special committee chosen from among its personnel to look into this matter because only physical contact will provide a proper appreciation of it. A week spent in a few of the larger cities would enable the committee to familiarize itself with the problem.

7. That special consideration be

given to the release of trucks with highly specialized bodies intended for users in Class 4. The trade has in mind such jobs as house-to-house units and refrigerated van panel units. If they are not released to users in Class 4, they must stand useless for the duration of the war because they do not fit the needs of Class 1, 2 and 3 eligibles.

8. That if no consideration is to be given applicants in Classes 4 and 5, the classification list should be revised to exclude these classes and thus put an end to the pretense that they are eligible for rationed trucks, conserve the effort expended on such applications and permit the trade to gage its future more accurately.

9. That some control should be exercised over the transfer of new vehicles from the rationing pool by means of the Government Exemption Permit PD 322. It is presumed there has been no control because during the first month these transfers numbered approximately 7000 as against the 4000 transfers accorded civilian applicants. The propriety of such applications should be checked.

Although COMMERCIAL CAR JOUR-NAL is informed that ODT does not have under consideration any change in the application form, the suggestion that it needs simplification and clarification is supported by independent study. Those who know motor transportation and have studied the application form have difficulty convincing themselves that any applicant can answer Question 10 "completely," as demanded, and completely must mean with proof of the accuracy of the answers if the applicant is not to expose himself to prosecution under terms of the Criminal Code of the United States.

Question 10 asks: "Can the service for which you desire to use this vehicle be performed practicably by more intensive utilization of your present equipment, by pooling equipment with other operators in your area, by leasing equipment, or by some other arrangements? If not, explain why and indicate steps you have taken in this connection."

Two weeks after the forms were out 30,000 applications were received. How many of these were in position to give detailed answers, with proof, to Question 10? In that time were they really able to make a thorough

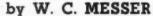
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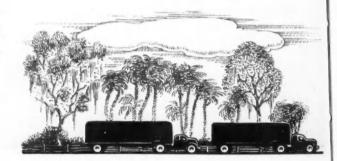
General view showing some typical units in the Mason & Dixon fleet lined up at the home base in Kingsport, Tenn.

# MASON & DIXON'S MAINTENANCE FIXIN'S

True southern hospitality is accorded a well-seasoned preventive maintenance set-up promoting efficiency of a fleet famed for "joining the North and South"



Maintenance Superintendent, Mason & Dixon Lines, Inc., Kingsport, Tenn.





W. C. Messer

WE take nothing for granted when it comes to maintenance. You might almost say that our maintenance department consists of a group of pessi-

mists who spend a great deal of their time looking for troubles that might happen and asking the drivers for bad news. But that's our way of finding out what should be done to "keep 'em rolling" for victory.

The Mason and Dixon Lines, Inc.,

operates 402 units at the time this is written. These include 157 tractors, 180 semi-trailers, 45 straight trucks (Pick-Up Units), 14 passenger cars and 6 service trucks.

We operate as "common carriers," hauling general commodities. Our over-the-road equipment consists of 2 to 5-ton tractors with 20 to 28 foot semi-trailers, which run about 11,000,000 miles per year over regular routes whose length varies from 20 miles to 952 miles each way.

We have 125 employees in our maintenance and repair departments at 136 Clay Street, Kingsport, Tenn.,

in which city our company headquarters are located, and at maintenance shops in 8 other cities in our territory. Two general foremen, one day and one night, are in charge of our service, maintenance and repair operations. Under these are three maintenance crew foremen, one for each shift of our three-shift day. In addition, there is a machine shop foreman, who covers the unit shop, and a body shop foreman, who also covers the paint shop and steam cleaning department. The maintenance department works three shifts per day; the unit shop, body shop, paint shop and



Motor tune-up, using a gas analyzer



A row of tractors in the repair shop



Checking front ends during inspections





Steam cleaning the chassis is a must



A power drill speeds up maintenance



Shaft throws are turned in the shop



Electrical repair and testing bench

steam cleaning department work two shifts per day, and the machine shop works one or two shifts per day, as necessary.

One thing that we do in the shop may seem like a waste of money, but we don't think so. Where we operate in two or more successive shifts the incoming crew starts work half an hour before the outgoing crew quits. This means that for half an hour we have two shifts working at the same time on the same jobs. Why? Because in this way the outgoing crew has an opportunity to explain to the incoming crew what is

being done, how far the job has progressed, and enables the incoming crew to carry on without wondering what to do next.

When a mechanic wants parts or supplies from the stockroom he fills in a requisition, which must be okayed by the foreman on duty at the time. The mechanic presents the approved requisition at the stockroom and gets what he needs. The stock itself is kept track of carefully. We use perpetual inventory cards for each item and know what we have on hand, what we should have, when to reorder, how much is on back order,

where we buy it, what it cost and where it is stored. Our inventory of supplies and parts averages about \$30,000 and we use an average of one carload of oil and grease per month. Before rationing, our procedure was to sell or trade in our pick-up trucks, but on heavy stuff, such as tractors or big semi-trailers, we tear down two old ones and make up one good unit.

Besides the Kingsport maintenance shop we operate others located in Asheville and High Point, N. C., Atlanta and Dalton, Ga., Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., Strasburg, Va.,

# MASON & DIXON'S MAINTENANCE FIXIN'S

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One of M&D's highway inspection cars

and New York, N. Y. Each of these maintenance shops is under the supervision of a man who was trained in our Kingsport shops. No overhauling is done in these shops, such jobs being brought in to Kingsport, but emergency repairs are made, as well as servicing and preventive maintenance. Each branch maintenance shop has its own service truck, and there is plenty happening with the local pick-up trucks and the large over-the-road jobs to keep the branch men busy. The branch maintenance shops have all the equipment necessary for the work they are supposed

Located where we are, we have to do our own diagnosing and treat our own cases. We can't send a job around the corner to some machine shop that has the equipment or skill we lack. We can't call in specialists to do a hurry-up job for us so that we can get a unit rolling again quickly. Therefore we've had to buy or build our own machinery for service, maintenance and repairs and train our own mechanics to be specialists.

We may not handle our work in the orthodox manner, but here's how we go about it: Let's start with a tractor and semi-trailer that has just rolled in through the gate after making the run down from New York City. The driver and his helper have been away from Kingsport about three days and have probably traveled 1500 miles or more. They pull up at the check-in station; turn in a sheaf of Driver's Daily Log sheets, the single sheets of the Driver's Trip Report, and Driver's Service & Tire Change Report; return the box of spare bulbs, flags, fusees, first aid kit, tools, etc.; deliver the cargo documents to the receiving clerk, and then they're through.

But that's where we start. That (TURN TO PAGE 67, PLEASE)

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Fig. 1 & 1A. Drivers' service and tire change record (the latter on reverse side). Original form measures 6x8 in.

Fig. 2. Engine test record measures 4 x6 in. Note valve clearance data asked

Fig. 3. Accident report measures 6x11

Fig. 4. Tire record is an 8x3 1/2-in. form

Fig. 5. Observation report measures 8x 11. Note listings of operation violations

Fig. 6. The accessory and inspection report is 5x8 in. Note items listed



Line-up of replacement engines ready for immediate use



Trucks get their final "OK" at this checking-out station

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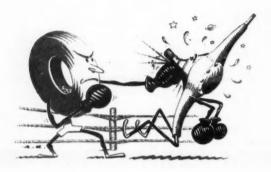
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# HOW TIRES AFFECT AXLES

Axles take a surprising beating which subjects them to premature failure if tires are misused or badly maintained



by LAWRENCE W. FISCHER Executive Engineer, Timken-Detroit Axle Co. FIG. 1. Sketch of a pneumatic tire off ground—without load

FIG. 2. Sketch of a pneumatic tire on ground—carrying load

FIG. 3. Cross-section through pneumatic tire showing deflection of tire under load. Dotted lines show tire contour when tire is inflated under no load

FIG. 4. Typical bearing arrangement of rear axle wheel bearing mounting when using dual tires

FIG. 5. Showing wheel bearing distribution. Upper diagram indicates normal load. Middle diagram shows load distribution if all load is on outer tire only. Lower sketch shows load distribution with load on inner tire

FIG. 6. Showing exaggerated application of mismated tires in dual mounting (see next sketch)

FIG. 7. This shows dual tires on a highly crowned highway

FIG. 8. Showing how duals ride on a highly concaved highway



L. W. Fischer

THE evils of improper selection, use and maintenance of truck tires have been well pictured for fleet operators by tire manufacturers. Naturally,

the evils were pointed out to show their effect on tires only. However, these evils have their effect on truck axles and there is no time like the present to tell how tires affect axles.

The pneumatic tire is a flexible load-cushioning structure between the road and the wheel of the vehicle.

Therefore, each tire must be designed and built to carry a certain load under specified operating conditions with maximum mileage or life.

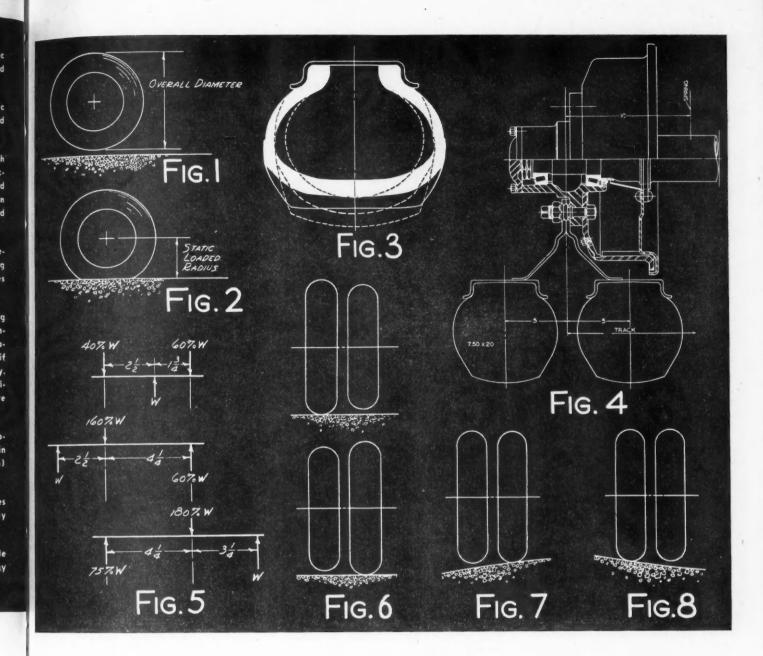
To have a better understanding of the pneumatic tire, we should know something about its behavior under various loads and inflation pressures. This tire behavior is shown graphically by three diagrams, followed by some exact measurements.

The diagram in Fig. 1 indicates that a properly inflated tire mounted on a wheel not resting on the road, is round and has a definite diameter—called the "overall diameter."

In Fig. 2, the tire is resting on a

flat surface and is carrying its rated load. Note that because of the inherent flexibility of the tire and because of the fact that air is compressible, the tire assumes a different shape at the ground contact. The dimension from the center of the wheel to the ground is less than one-half the overall diameter. This dimension is the "static loaded radius."

Fig. 3 presents a diagram showing how the tire cross-section is affected by the application of loads. The dotted lines show the tire contour when the tire is properly inflated but under no load as shown in Fig. 1. The solid black section shows the



contour of the tire under rated load.

It is plainly evident that the static loaded radius may be changed by increasing or decreasing the load on the tire or by increasing or decreasing the inflation pressure and Charts I and II give some accurate figures.

Chart I shows the effect of varying loads on the static loaded radius of a 7.50/20 8-ply military tread tire with the inflation pressure kept constant.

Chart II shows the effect of varying tire inflation pressures on the static loaded radius of the same tire (Chart I) with tire load kept constant.

Please note the number of variations in the number of revolutions per

### CHART I

Pounds Load	Pounds Inflation	Static Loaded Radius	Rev. Per Mile
1750	55	17.31	577
(2250	55	17.16	582
2750	55	16.96	589
3250	55	16.80	594
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Showing effect of varying loads with constant inflation—7.50/20 8-ply military tire.

mile made by the tire under the different conditions of load and inflation, as we will frequently refer to it.

Dimensions vary somewhat between tires of different makes although the tire manufacturers have

### CHART II

Pounds Load	Pounds Inflation	Static Loaded Radius	Rev. Per Mile
2250	40	16.93	590
2250	45	17.02	586
(2250	55	17.16	582)
2250	65	17.26	579

Showing effect of varying inflation pressures with constant load—7.50/20 8-plys.

an association which establishes certain basic standards.

Therefore, the data given in Charts I and II were obtained from one of the large tire manufacturers and may be considered typical. The dimen-

# **HOW TIRES AFFECT AXLES**

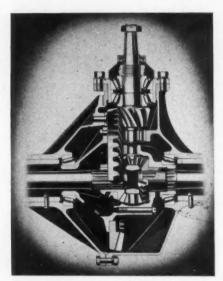


Fig. 10. Showing arrangement of final drive gears and motor truck differential in Timken bevel gear rear axle



Fig. 11. Demonstrating the use of a tire radius gauge to determine unitire load for maximum tire mileage

sions given are for new tires and in actual practice we will therefore have to take into consideration the variations in the static loaded radius due to various degrees of tire wear.

It so happens that the measurements of the 7.50/20 8-ply military tread tires were readily available and are therefore given as an example. The variations in static loaded radius and revolutions per mile on other sizes of tires will naturally be different and the dimensions given in Charts I and II are given only to indicate that certain variations must take place.

With an understanding of the behavior of a pneumatic tire, we are now ready to analyze the relation of tires to axles. There are several ways in which tires affect axles and will be considered under the following headings:

- Dual tire mounting on the rear wheels.
- 2. Relation of tires on the rear axle wheels.
- 3. Single tires on front axles.
- 4. Relation of tires on two or more axles connected together.

# Dual Tire Mounting on a Rear Wheel

In order to get sufficient load carrying capacity, the usual practice is to mount two tires side by side—either on the same wheel or by using two disc wheels attached to one hub. A typical example of wheel bearing mounting is shown in Fig. 4. Each wheel bearing must have the capacity to carry its share of the total load at the wheel. In this particular design the inner wheel bearing carries approximately 60 per cent and the outer wheel bearing carries approximately 40 per cent of the load. Assuming a flat surface, when the inner tire is completely deflated (punctured, for example) then the outer tire carries all the load. This creates a load on the outer bearing equal to four times its rated capacity.

Likewise, if the outer tire is completely deflated, then the inner tire carries all of the load and the inner bearing is loaded to about three times its rated capacity. For those readers who question these statements, the load diagrams in Fig. 5 show how we arrive at the load distribution on the wheel bearings.

Having established these extreme conditions of bearing loads, it is easy to realize what can happen to bearing loads with any intermediate unequal distribution of load on the tires. The 0-100 per cent distribution of load between dual tires should not occur for a long period of time but any other distribution of load may exist for thousands of miles with possible

Fig. 9. Typical area of contact of a pneumatic tire on ground. Solid line indicates area of contact with correct inflation and load. Dotted line indicates area of contact with overload or under-inflation or both. Design and condition of tread will determine actual contact



injury to the rear wheel bearings.

Referring again to Fig. 4, the dimension from the edge of the spring to the center of the dual tires is 10 in. The bending moment in inch pounds in the axle housing at the spring mounting is the load W x 10. If the outer tire only is carrying the load, then the bending moment becomes W x 15, or 50 per cent greater than normal.

The result is increased deflection of the axle housing and in case of a shock load, such as dropping off a high curb, a permanent set in the axle housing may occur.

As noted previously, a difference in the loaded radius may be caused by improper inflation or difference in tire diameters due to wear. Mismated tires have no place on a dual mounting, as indicated in Fig. 6.

The effect on tire wear, when one tire wants to make 590 revolutions per mile while the attached mating tire wants to make 580 revolutions per mile, is something to think about because there must occur a slippage of rubber equivalent to sliding one tire approximately 92 ft. per mile (10 x loaded radius ÷ 12 x 2 x 3.14).

The road contour also contributes to change in load distribution between dual tires and must be taken into consideration. Fig. 7 shows the effect of a high crown road (exaggerated) and likewise Fig. 8 shows the effect of an extremely concave surface.

# Relation of Tires on Rear Axle Wheels

Rear axles usually embody the necessary mechanism to deliver power from the propeller shaft to the wheels. This mechanism consists of a final drive gear set, an axle shaft for each

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# SHOP HINTS

Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of their country by buying United States Victory stamps and bonds, and here is a chance to get some easy money to invest in our Democracy. If you have an idea that simplifies shop operation, send this idea in to the editor. Commercial Car Journal will pay \$5 for each Shop Hint accepted. Send as many as you have with a photo or rough sketch for each. Explain the idea in your own words. CCJ will polish them up.

1.

Salvaging Bulbs by Charles S. Crawford Atlantic Refining Co., Williamsport, Pa.

WHEN one filament in a double contact bulb burns out, the use of a little solder will soon turn it into a single contact bulb, suitable for use in turn signals, dome lights, stop lights, or wherever single contact bulbs are needed.

With a small pointed iron puddle the contacts across the center, adding a little solder if necessary, then file down to a smooth rounded surface. This connects the filaments and furnishes a single contact. An old piece of water hose split lengthwise at one end can be used as a very efficient holder for the bulb while working on the contacts.

2.

Repairing Distributor Cap

by Alva C. Stark Alfred M. Lewis, Inc., Riverside, Cal.

HERE is a very simple method for repairing a cracked distributor head cap. A crack in the cap extending from the center tower to any of the outside towers affords a path for a shorting spark to travel.

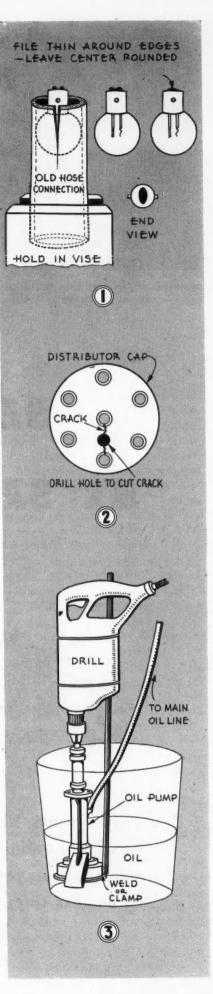
This is a common type of cap failure and in the past has meant discarding many caps. Using as large a drill as the clearance between the towers will allow, drill a hole over the crack and through the cap, or to the depth of the crack, if the crack does not extend through the thickness of the cap. This will have the effect of cutting the crack in two. A plug made from cork, rubber, sealing wax, etc., may then be used to fill the hole.

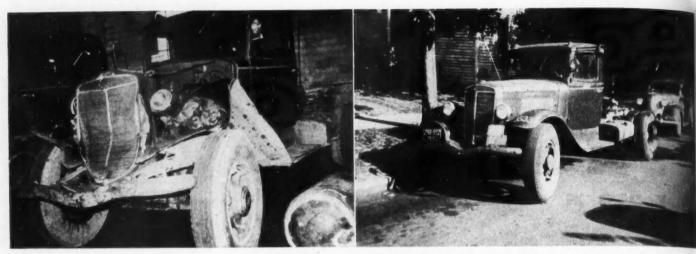
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Bearing Pressure Tester

by Lew Cripps Philadelphia, Pa.

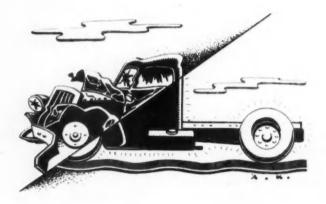
ERE is a very simple but work-1 able device for pressure test of bearings. Using an old oil pump insert the drive shaft into the chuck of an electric drill, and to the body of the pump clamp or weld a bar long enough to rest against the handle of the drill. Attach a line from the pump outlet to the main oil line in the engine. Now with the pump submerged in a bucket of oil and the electric drill put into operation you have a very efficient oil pump and bearing oil pressure tester. The bar from the pump to the drill handle prevents the pump from rotating when the drill is operated.





As proof of the fact that salvaging pays, consider the cost of rebuilding this damaged vehicle which was far less than the cost of its replacement. After repairs the tractor was as good as new. See above photograph of rebuilt job

# SAVE BY SALVAGE



Fort Wayne, Ind. fleetmen reveal how they rebuild equipment and salvage parts, previously discarded as useless, to prolong life of trucks

## Back to Rebuilding by A. J. Cobb Reliable Oil Company

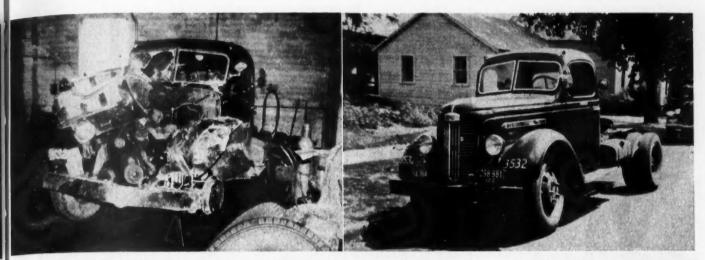
In this critical emergency we believe that no service is too small and no damage is too great to warrant our not undertaking repairs if it will extend the life of the equipment. An example of this was an accident that wrecked one of our trucks during a fog. The wreck and the rebuilt job is shown in the above photos. The cost of rebuilding was as follows:

90 hours labor @ \$1.00	\$90.00
Replacement parts, fenders, ra-	
diator grilles, water pump as-	
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\$625.00 Total savings (\$625 less \$390) \$235.00

Another job (shown on opposite page) damaged by collision was repaired in the shop with 35 hours labor and \$200.00 net cost for parts. The shop saved \$52.00 on labor and \$50.00 on parts. One other accidental wreck (these three representing our total major accidents to equipment) was reconditioned with 90 hours labor and a cost of \$533.00 for new cab, straightening frame and



This wreck looks like a hopeless mess and ordinarily it would be discarded for a new job but when mechanics got through salvaging the parts and rebuilding the vehicle, they turned out the above model far below the cost of a new tractor

front axle, welding broken spring leaves, replacing main leaves, new radiator, new hood, welding one safety gas tank, repairing one fender, replacing one new wheel and rim, left front brake and spindle, one running board, one rear view mirror, gear shift lever and complete steering gear and straightening frame. A saving of \$133.00 was made on parts and \$135.00 on labor.

We have one 1937 model truck in the shop for a complete overhaul, speedometer reading 532,827 miles. It still has the original transmission and motor block. Its motor has had new sleeves and pistons. We recently installed five spider gears in the differential. Ordinarily we would trade this job in, but as a matter of salvaging many vital parts and driving this unit to its maximum potential mileage without sacrificing operating efficiency, we will overhaul it from bumper to bumper.

We have increased the frequency of check-ups on chassis and have established daily tire checks, brake inspections and motor tune-ups since the war began. We rebuild batteries if it is decided that the rebuilt battery will warrant a 90-day guarantee. The additional service we receive from a battery for the small cost of rebuilding is well worth the practice. For instance, a one-cell replacement cost us \$2.50. This saves two-thirds of the battery elements and affords up to six months additional service.

### Salvaging Old Equipment by Everett Metcalf Maintenance Manager, Kuhner Packing Co.

In the face of rationing, we have decided to rebuild our old trucks which ordinarily would be junked. An example of this was a 1935 vehicle that had run 500,000 miles. It was worth about \$30 and normally would have been turned in for a new job, but we put it through for an overhaul from bumper to bumper, including an insulated body built in our own shop.

The following figures, combined with the assured potential renewed service of 200,000 miles are surprisingly significant and prove that in the past we have not even scratched the surface of salvaging possibilities.

Overhaul motor, labor and	
parts	\$75.00
Rebush front end and spindle	
bushings	12.00
Reline brakes and true-up	
drums	25.00
Overhaul steering system	15.00
Overhauling rear end	16.00
Cab repair, painting, glass, etc.	32.00
Fish plating frame with %-in.	
boiler plate	25.00
Total reconditioning cost motor	
and chassis	\$200.00
New body, shop built	400.00
Total	\$600.00

The motor overhauling consisted of reboring cylinders, installing oversize pistons, overhauling water system, new connecting rod bearings and wrist pins. A rebuilt motor, if available, lists at \$87.50. A new 1½-ton truck and cab, without body, if available, is \$875.00. A complete insulated body for refrigeration would, if purchased on the open market, cost \$75.00 per lineal foot, or \$900.00—entire new job \$1,775.00. Based on previous maintenance here in our shop we would figure another 500,000 miles on a new truck.

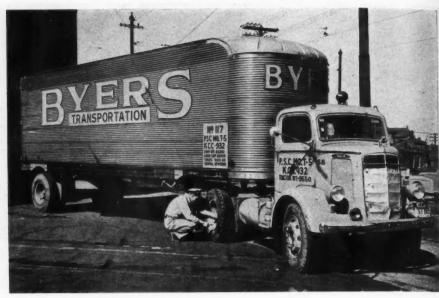
We expect this overhaul job to give us 200,000 miles on which we have a labor and investment cost of only \$600.00, but in addition we have a new body which can be transferred to another chassis when the rebuilt job is finally worn out.

We considered it essential to fishplate the frame to reinforce it for carrying increased loads. To lengthen the frame we cut the necessary length from steel channel iron, using acetylene welder to cut the steel. We electric-drilled four holes for \(^3\)\(\sigma^{\cdot}\)in. bolts to join members flush with balance of frame.

After bolting extensions firmly to frame with an overlap of 14 in., the top sections were acetylene welded, making an integral construction. This welding process requires about 30 minutes for the job but we get a flush surface on which to mount the body. Our arc welder would be faster, but for this particular job we prefer the acetylene process for a smoother finish. Welding the top

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# BYERS GOES ALL OUT



L. H. Lynch

TIRE studies which we made two years ago convinced us that factors causing excessive tire wear are the same that shorten the life of all

other equipment. This conclusion led us to adopt a policy of increasing tire efficiency in an effort to lower fleet maintenance costs. We planned this policy and carried it through every branch of our operation—shop, drivers, tire buying practice, and highway station stops. Today this plan has reduced road failures 50 per cent for an average of less than one failure a month.

Before we began our plan, tires were the tire company's worry. We bought tires on a guarantee basis and had them recapped the same way. If something went wrong with a tire it was sent back. We checked mileage only to make sure we were get-

ting our money's worth. Today we check tires as a barometer on the operation of our complete unit and to make sure we are getting all the miles we know we should.

The backbone of the entire plan is preventive maintenance. We attempt to locate tire trouble before it becomes serious enough to cause road failure or ruin the tire and tube. We do this by checking tires along the route, in our shop, and according to schedule as prescribed by our tire record system.

Our initial goal was to lower tire costs to a mill-a-mile per tire (based on 1940-41 tire prices) which point we have now achieved. The approximate transportation average in our area for the period was 1½ mills per mile. We believe a further 10 per cent gain in efficiency is still possible. Translated into tire mileage we expect our tires, which do not meet with accidents, to serve 125,000 highway miles and an additional 25,000 miles of city and short-haul work.

Our preventive maintenance begins on the highway. One night each week I follow our trucks, checking for road sway and the number of times the right rear trailer tire rides the curb. Initial checks showed this tire carried the trailer weight more than 10 per cent of the time. By seeking driver co-operation we have lowered this to about 6 per cent.

Our operation is large enough to make these figures important. We are a general transportation company hauling merchandise that is bulky but light in weight. Payloads average 18,000 to 20,000 lbs. All equipment is tired with 9.00 x 20s, with a few oversize tires with which we are experimenting.

Our equipment includes 21 tractors, 22 semi-trailers and 15 trucks. All tractors are gasoline powered. Trailers are stainless steel and aluminum, in 22 to 28-ft. lengths. City delivery trucks are ½-ton jobs. We also lease units when rush of business demands.

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More inspections, frequent stops, 20minute cooling periods, systematic rotation and matching add miles to Byers' tires and longer life to trucks

by L. H. LYNCH

General Manager, Byers Transportation Co., Kansas City, Mo.

This equipment operates from our headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., over two routes. These are the Kansas City-St. Louis round trip run of 500 miles and the Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., round trip run of 125 miles. Our units pile up a yearly total of 1,250,000 miles.

Our first step was to seek the causes of tire failure and these we

found to be: Large pieces of metal which cut open the casings; underinflation, which in the case of dual mounting throws the weight of the load from one tire to its mate, thus causing both to blow out; older tires mounted in trouble spots such as tractor drive wheels and trailer outside rear wheels, and overinflation built up in tires through long hard

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Byers' tire mileage record, serial record and tire change notice forms are shown above. The original mileage record is 8x5 in. The serial record is 4x7 in. The change notice is 3x5 in. Photo is of a typical Byers' unit

# BYERS GOES ALL OUT ON TIRES

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driving without time out to permit tire cooling.

We find that inflation is the most important part of a tire's care and this has led to our policy of adapting air pressure to payloads. If a payload leaving our dock weighs 18,000 lbs., the tires carry 85 pounds, if the load is 19,000 lb. tires carry 87½ lbs., and if 20,000 the tires are brought up to 90 lbs. Outside weather is never a determining factor in the pressure we put in our tires, nor are road conditions because in our case we haven't found them important.

Actually, the king-pin of our new plan is the driver. From the programs of other firms we considered both the "Fine" and "Co-op" driver plans and found that the "Co-op" plan was much more effective. In this system the driver works with you from a standpoint of personal pride in his record and his equipment, which we consider much more satisfactory than incurring his ill will by penalizing him for coming in without valve caps, with low tires or other infractions of the planned schedule.

We gain the driver's cooperation by giving him his own outfit as we purchase new units, on which he stays from then on. Next he is given a permanent route so that he can learn every stop, heavy traffic area, bad curve and other road hazard and thus keep his unit rolling smoothly without need of tire-wearing stops.

Further driver cooperation is secured through the posting of all letters concerning drivers on our bulletin board. These may amount to as many as five a week and the majority of them are from our insurance company and concern their observation of our drivers on the highway. Usually they are about speed, the way the driver handled the unit, and road courtesy. Once a driver's courtesy on the road got this firm a good customer and the drivers have not forgotten it.

In our opinion, the best time to talk driver-cooperation is at checkstops along the road. Drivers are spoken to individually. Usually they have something they want to get off

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their chests during night runs, so one night a week I set up office in a check station and we talk over our mutual problems when they come in. I usually go out about 8 p. m. when I have to make a trip to one of our other stations, and stay out until some time between 12 and 4 a. m.

In these talks we discuss speed and its effect on tire wear; we discuss such facts told to us by our tire company as that at 40 miles per hour a tire gets 20 per cent more than its minimum possible wear. We seldom exceed 40 but with drivers knowing the road, we believe they can roll evenly and smoothly between 30 and 40 at about a minimum of tire and fuel expense.

Our once-a-month Driver's Safety Meeting also builds their interest in our program. Held from 9 to 10 a. m. on the third Sunday of each month. These meetings take up driver's complaints and discussions of our program. Often an expert in some line, such as tires, will speak. To create more interest in safety and to gain the best attendance, we offer prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00. Any driver who has not had an accident during the past month is eligible in the prize

drawings. The meeting is held in our general office and the Drivers Union does not object to the meetings except that we cannot make attendance compulsory. The drivers also have their own safety committee.

On the road, drivers check their own tires for air pressure. They check valve caps for we have found that uncapped valves take in grit and water which rots the tube and causes valve leakage. Leaks of this sort force the tire mounted with the soft unit to carry excessive weight thus building up additional heat pressure and finally blowing out, throwing all the weight on the soft tire which then blows out too.

If, when a driver comes into a check station, he finds that one of his tires has lost as much as 5 pounds of air pressure, he immediately checks for the leak and has the tire repaired there. If he finds that the tire has built up five or more pounds of pressure, he feels the brake drum to see if the heat has come from there and checks the other tires to find if they are soft and throwing additional weight on this unit. Usually one of these two factors is the cause and is

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Gavin W. Laurie

THE apparent goal of ambitious private operators who are conscious of the profit possibilities in their operation, is low unit delivery cost.

The spread between manufacturer's cost and the market selling price, embodies warehousing, selling and delivery expense.

Warehousing and selling expense per unit is generally low, except with slow moving products and if volume remains relatively constant, these items are fixed, whereas delivery expense is variable and dependent upon rigid supervision for control.

Private carrier operation might well include bulk or freight hauling in addition to delivery to consumer outlets. In the bulk haul or freight aspect of private carrier operation, large units may be employed to deliver from main warehouse points to smaller warehouse points, at a cost which will net a profit compared to contract hauler rates. This profit or savings over the contract rate should be sufficient to establish a 20 per cent return on the investment in the units necessary to do the job. From a wealth of experience 20 per cent return is considered safe.

The largest possible transportation unit consistent with state and/or municipal limitations on weight, size and volume should be selected. Topography of operating territory, type of goods to be hauled and truck design are other items necessary for consideration. These bulk or restock units should be operated "around the clock" or 24-hours per day on a definitely scheduled basis. Loading, unloading and mileage factors should be determined and built into the schedules of these deliveries. It might be possible in many instances to utilize a large unit of the bulk type for delivery to consumers during the day and augment this activity by bulk service work at night. This alternative must be determined by actual study of all items of expense.

In the structure of most private

\*Presented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Private Motor Truck Owners, Inc., Washington, D. C.

# **FIGURING**

# OPERATING EFFICIENCY

A review of some of the factors that should be considered when planning for efficient, intensive fleet operation

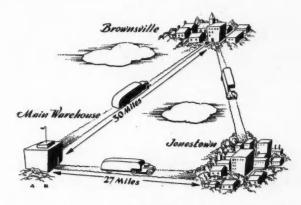


FIG. 1. The economic delivery range between cities is determined by locating at what point out from one warehouse the unit transportation cost equals the unit freight cost of the other. See article for explanation

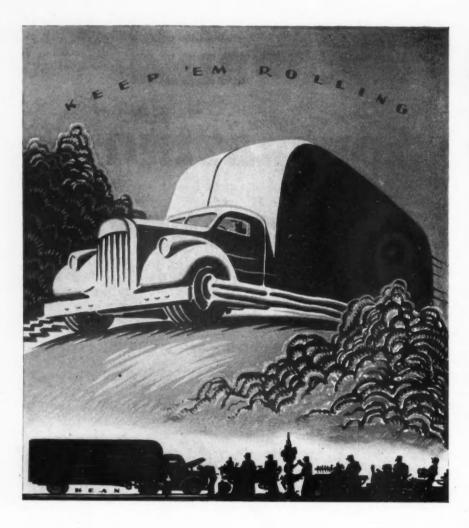
# by GAVIN W. LAURIE\*

Manager, Automotive Transportation, Atlantic Refining Co.

carrier operations the bulk delivery on long range operation is unjustified and profitless compared to contract or common carrier rates, established through return load operation. Private carriers for the most part are concerned with direct deliveries to the ultimate consumer or dealer from well established warehouse centers. These warehouse points should be situated nearest the center of each volume area.

Bulk deliveries to stock warehouses whether accomplished by means of the private carriers units or by contract hauler equipment is important, and should be given careful study. Our subject, however, should be chiefly confined to trade or consumer

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# MAINTENANCE PLANS OF ODT

Issuance of booklets and directives on maintenance control, repair procedure, intensified use of equipment and safety figure in maintenance program of ODT

## by WILLIAM J. CUMMING

Chief, Vehicle Maintenance Section, Division of Motor Transport, Office of Defense Transportation



W. J. Cumming

THE simple idea that the practice of preventive maintenance upon automotive vehicles contributes materially to safer operation of those vehicles,

has been voiced by many men in motor transportation circles.

The program of the Maintenance Section of ODT recognizes this fact to the fullest extent. The agenda of the Maintenance Section program are premised on the belief that a substantial raising in the level of efficiency of maintenance will:

First, materially decrease the necessity for production of new vehicles and parts, thereby diverting equivalent labor and materials into other war effort channels.

Second, increase the availability of vehicles for service on the highways, thereby increasing the work factor per vehicle.

Third, expedite the hauling of goods and performance of services through reduction in the number of road failures.

Fourth, lighten the burden of expense to owners.

Fifth, decrease the accident rate.

The first item of the ODT Maintenance Section's agenda covers publicity releases on maintenance and repair procedures, reclaiming, rebuilding and rehabilitation processes, releases showing the urgency of the maintenance situation with regard to trucks and their mechanical units, releases on safety, mechanic and driver training, and appeals to that class of older mechanics who have retired or sought less strenuous work to rejoin the active ranks of automotive maintenance as instructors or gang leaders. All types of releases pertaining to the operation and maintenance of automotive vehicles will eventually eminate from this office.

The second item covers the issuance of a maintenance booklet entitled, "America's Trucks, Keep 'Em Rolling," which will be sent to owners of trucks, buses and repair agencies.

The booklet contains an appeal to two and one-half million truck owners and repair men to do their part (TURN TO PAGE 84, PLEASE)



# We know how they felt!

Those men who earned the first Navy E, back in 1906, must have been the proudest crew of tars in the fleet. We know, for we feel the same bursting pride today. The blue Navy burgee now flying from our flagstaff sends a special thrill through every man in our plant. We're proud to be Americans.

The Navy E is not lightly given, nor lightly received. It means more than Excellence. It stands for a good job well done, for teamwork better than the best . . . and its award to any civilian plant should double and redouble fighting spirit. From now until final Victory dawns, we pledge every effort to help Keep America Rolling.



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# GET IN THE SCRAP!

WPB's Salvage Section urges fleets to collect and sell unreclaimable scrap to help build a much-needed stockpile



L. C. Greenebaum needed machines, equipment and parts through regular trade channels

APPEALING to the fleet operators of America to immédiately sell all s c r a p materials and to dispose of all unneeded machines, in order to overcome the 20 per cent deficit in scrap metals needed for the war effort, the War Production Board's Industrial Salvage Section has set up a Transportation Division to enlist every truck, bus and taxicab operator's support.

Practical transportation executives

Practical transportation executives have been chosen to draft the plan and carry it into execution without disrupting Transportation's regular service in the war effort. The Salvage Director of the Transportation Industry is Leon C. Greenebaum, president of Metropolitan Distributors, Inc., New York City, operator of over 1700 vehicles in the truck leasing field. Mr. Greenebaum's office is with the War Production Board, Bureau of Industrial Conservation, Industrial Salvage Section, Room 804, 122 E. 42nd Street, New York City.

"Every fleet operator," says Mr. Greenebaum, "can have a part in helping equip our sons, the soldiers, sailors, marines and flyers who are fighting an enemy now numerically superior and far better equipped. Every day's delay in selling scrap metals and unneeded machines and equipment means loss of lives and even setbacks for the United Nations.

"The types of scrap needed include iron, steel, copper, aluminum, zinc, lead, brass, bronze, tin, tin foil, rubber, wool, cotton, burlap, paper, cardboard, etc. No particle is too small to save and sell.

"But waste scrap will not be sufficient. Experience shows that every business has machines, equipment, parts, etc., that are no longer useful or needed, due to obsolescence, newer methods, changes of models, etc. Some of these can be sold as used equipment that will benefit others who can use them, but many of these machines, parts; etc., are now useless unless scrapped and turned into fighting equipment.

"For the sake of America and perhaps your own son in the army or navy, go through your plant with a fine tooth comb and wide open eyes to see what you can sell to save your Those fenders you no country. longer need, those old muffler pipes, the empty drums and cans, the old brake lining equipment, those rusting rims, radiator shells, old moldings, old spring leaves, cracked cylinder blocks, tools that are broken or no longer fit the job, axle shafts and spindles that are out of date, bumpers and bumperettes that are out of style, old clutch parts, perhaps even an obsolete transmission, rear end or steering gear. Draft them all for war service, call in your regular junk dealer and get them started on the road that leads to more planes, tanks and guns. Also get out the useless tires, tubes, floor

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# 8 Reasons why Body Builders recommend Lindsay Structure

. . . survey of Leading Manufacturers reveals definite advantages to Fleet Operators



All-steel construction, ruggedness, durability, ease of repair . . . these are just a few of the many definite advantages mentioned by leading manufacturers in connection with Lindsay Structure bodies. This unit provides extra strength without extra weight, because panel sheets are "pre-tensed" so that they instantly resist distortion and greatly reinforce the framing. Thus, every ounce of steel is utilized and unnecessary weight is eliminated, making possible greater payloads. Investigate today. Write Lindsay Structure Division, Dry-Zero Corporation, 222 North Bank Drive, Chicago; or 60 E. 42nd Street, New York.

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By utilizing every ounce of steel, all deadweight is eliminated making greater payloads possible.

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# SHOWCASE OF NEW PRODUCTS



# Texaco D-303 Oil

Texaco announces a new "heavy-duty" or "severe-service" oil, known as D-303, especially designed to meet today's all-out effort of continuous operation. Fortified by a newly discovered detergent, D-303 provides a "washing" action that keeps deposits from forming in the engine, and a dispersive action that holds deposit-forming material suspended in the oil. Carbon, sludge and other particles are drained away at regular drain periods. Ports, pistons, ring grooves, oil lines, screens, filters, etc., stay clean.

Marked É. P. characteristics that assure protection over a wide range of operating conditions are claimed for the new oil. In severe transcontinental operating tests, D-303 is said to have demonstrated unusual ability not only to keep engines clean, but to protect modern bearings and maintain high fuel economy.

To truck operators who must keep equipment going all out under today's tough conditions, the makers of Texaco D-303 promise substantial operating and maintenance savings.

### **Auxiliary Angle Drive**

This drive, developed for driving auxiliary equipment from a transmission type power take-off, is being offered by the Dean Valve Operating Equipment Co., 22 E. 38th Street, New York City.

Its function is to change the angle of drive shafts through 90 deg., and is made to operate with shafts in either a horizontal or vertical position. The unit is completely oil proof in any position.

Shafts are 1¼ in. diameter arranged for Woodruff keys and operate in bronze bearings. It is adapted for speeds up to 600



r.p.m. for intermittent operation. For speeds up to 1200 r.p.m. the bearings are of the ball or roller type. Capacity is about 5 to 7½ hp. and weight 50 lb. With universal joints as shown, almost any angle of operation can be obtained.



# **Blackout Light**

The Trippe Mfg. Co., 564-570 W. Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.. announces the development of a blackout light for civilian purposes. The company claims "this light is definitely not the same as the military type blackout light being manufactured for army vehicles, but is a civilian adaptation suitable for installation on any make of car or truck. The construction is unique, employing a system of two reflectors and a ground and polished lens resulting in the entire elimination of all upward rays.

"These lights have a double purpose. They are not only excellent under blackout conditions, but may also be utilized as
extremely efficient fog and auxiliary lights
when not being used for blackout purposes.
There is a three-point switch control which
enables the driver to quickly select either
a normal driving light or a blackout light
as desired. When used as a blackout light
there is enough illumination on the road
to provide for a speed of 15 or 20 m.p.h.,
yet without visibility from the air above
6000 ft."

### **Upholstery Cleaner**

The Magnus Chemical Co., Inc., Garwood, N. J., announces So-O-Kle-N, a new shampoo and cleaner for automotive upholstery. One of its chief features is that it is not harmful or hard on the hands; it will not remove color.

### **Blackout Flashlight Hood**

A self-adjusting hood of woven elastic fabric that is designed to fit all sizes of flashlights, is offered by the Blossom Mfg. Co., 79 Madison Avenue, New York.

### Reflex Reflector

Arrow announces a new 217 series reflex reflector. These are equipped with a specially designed plastic lens, which is claimed to develop much greater candlepower in



reflected light. A sturdy steel housing and rim holds the lens, protecting it against collisions, blows, etc. The rim extends ½ in. beyond the lens to afford maximum protection. This 217 series is available in either red or amber lens colors, in either the round or oval type housings with gray enamel finish for civilian vehicles and olive drab for Army use. Arrow Safety Device Co., Inc., Medford, N. J.

## Distrib-U-Scope

With the Weidenhoff Distrib-U-Scope you instantly get an electrical picture of what's happening inside the distributor. Replacements or adjustments for point action, spark advance, synchronization of double breakers, etc., are quickly shown and checked for accuracy. Full instructions and specifications are available from Joseph Weidenhoff, Inc., 4340-58 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Ill.

### **New Model Fast Chargers**

Quick Charge, Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla., offers two new fast charger models. These are the heavy-duty Model 80 six and 12-volt battery charger and the "Quickie Eighty" model. The heavy-duty model is mounted on wheels for easy portability. It is equipped with copper oxide rectifier plates, a heavy-duty transformer and has a full 80-amp. capacity. Other features include a 20-ft. heavy power cord, disappearing type DC cables of 10½-ft. length. This unit will charge on the line as many as 15 batteries of the conventional low type rate.

The "Quickie Eighty" model weighs only 73 lb. and can be moved easily about the shop. It has an 80-amp. capacity, one-hour time switch, combination voltmeter and



ammeter. A built-in discharging unit also corrects for sulphanated batteries. This unit is specially designed for economical battery charging in small fleets.

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# NEWSCAST



### 17 Field Managers Appointed by ODT

Managers have been appointed for 17 of the 51 field offices to be established by the Division of Motor Transport, Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, has announced. In addition to the administration of the various programs undertaken by the Division of Motor Transport, the field offices will assist the War and Navy Departments and other shippers of war materials in making arrangements for motor transport and will assist in coordinating and mobilizing motor vehicle equipment to meet war requirements. Field representatives will clear emergency motor transport movements with state and local authorities, and will maintain liaison with Army and Navy estab-lishments, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and other government agencies.

Field officers and managers are:

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Atlanta, Ga.—John G. Caley, formerly general manager of the Carolina Freight Corp.

Birmingham, Ala.—W. E. Duncan, formerly vicepresident of the North Alabama Motor Express, Inc.

Boston, Mass.—Ell C. Benway, formerly manager of
the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts, Inc.

Charleston, S. C.—William B. Love, Jr., formerly
general manager of the Motor Transportation Assoc. of
footh Carolina.

Dallas, Texas—S. J. Cole, formerly secretary and
manager of the Common Carriers Motor Freight Association of Dallas.

Denver, Col.—E. Robert Baker, formerly executive
secretary and treasurer of the Colorado Motor Carriers
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Hartford, Conn.—John Maerz, formerly practical be-

Assoc.

Hartford, Conn.—John Maerz, formerly practiced before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Indianapolis, Ind.—George F. Burnett, formerly president and general manager of his own automobile trans-

port company.

Jacksoeville, Fla.—H. E. McDaniel, formerly executive secretary of the Florida Trucking Association, Inc.

Little Rock, Ark.—William R. Atkins, formerly safety inspector for the Interstate Commerce Commission's Bureau of Motor Carriers.

Norfolk, Va.—Maclin Simmons, formerly engaged in the distribution of motor vehicle lubricants in the Norfolk area.

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New York, N. Y.—William J. Clarke, formerly secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Highway Express Lines, Philadelphia, Pa.—Everett A. Harding, formerly with Horlacher Delivery Service.

Phoenix, Ariz.—William Cox, formerly manager of the Motor Transport Dispatch office established under the Office of Defense Transportation at Phoenix.

Portland, Ore.—Herman Sites, formerly president of the Portland-Pendleton Motor Freight.

San Francisco, Cal.—W. B. Grummel. formerly vice-president of the Pacific Intermountain Express.

Spokane, Wash.—Holly I. Smith, formerly vice-president and general manager of Caters Motor Freight System.

J. H. Hoffman and M. J. Greene. both of Bal'imore, Md. and H. S. Blackwell, of Johnson City, Tenn. ha ee been appointed to the Washington office of the Division of Motor Transport.

### SAE Cancels Summer Meet: Will Hold Sectional Sessions

Continued presence of enemy diplomats at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, has made it impossible to hold the 1942 SAE Summer Meeting there as originally planned. Emergency war conditions make it impossible for the railroads to guarantee sufficient special pullman cars to carry SAE crowds to White Sulphur or any suitable site. Instead the SAE National Activity Committees will take special meetings to various Section cities throughout the summer and fall.

# **ODT** and **WPB** Appointments

Arthur B. Newhall, recently appointed Coordinator of Rubber by the WPB, will direct and integrate all problems dealing with the use, control or production of natural or synthetic rubber.

Harry G. Brandt has been named Associate Director of the Division of Railway Transport. He will work in cooperation with staff members of the Division of Motor Transport to coordinate rail and truck operations in the western region.

## Truck Trailer Committee

The bureau of Industry Advisory Committees has announced the formation of a Truck Trailer Industry Advisory Committee. R. L. Vaniman is government presiding officer. Committee members are:

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Harvey C. Fruehauf. Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit;
Bert P. Bates, Highway Trailer Co., Edgerton. Wis.;
M. N. Terry, Trailmobile Co., Cincinnati; W. C.
Nabors, W. C. Nabors Co., Mansfield, La.; M. J.
Neeley, Hobbs Manufacturing Co., Fort Worth, Tex.;
Harrison Rogers, Rogers Brothers, Albion, Pa.; N. A.
Carter, Carter Mfg. Co., Memphis; Harry N. Brown.
Keystone Trailer & Equip. Co., Kansas City, Mo.;
Christopher Hammond, Jr., Steel Products Co., Sannah; H. C. Bennett, Utility Trailer Mfg. Co.,
Los Angeles; A. B. Trombly, Trombly Truck Equip.
Co., Portland, Ore.; C. H. Kingham, Kingham Trailer
Co., Louisville, Ky.; J. L. Glick, Truck Engineering
Co., Cleveland; F. H. McIntvee, Carolina Truck &
Trailer Co., Charlotte, N. C.; Myles Standish, Omaha
Standard Body Corp., Counell Bluffs, Iowa; J. C.
Farreil, Easton Car & Const. Co., Easton, Pa.; G. A.
Burns, Butler Mfg. Co., Kansas City, Mo.

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R. C. Archer (left) has been promoted to director of domestic and Canadian sales for International Harvester Co. T. B. Hale (right) succeeds Mr. Archer as manager of IHC's domestic sales. P. V. Moulder continues as assistant domestic sales manager in charge of truck business and A. J. Peterson continues in charge of farm equipment



Frank A. Hiter has been elected a director of Stewart - Warner Corp. He is also a vice-president and general sales manager for the company

T. H. Paramore has been named as service manager of White Motor Co.'s Federal Division for the duration. He will handle procurement and distribution of parts





Graham B. Trainer, Chrysler representative in India, has been assigned to the Storage and Issue Branch of the U. S. Army in Washington, D. C.

Robert A. Wickes has been appointed secretary and treasurer of American Bosch Corp., succeeding C. C. Francis, who resigned to head the Putnam Trust Co.



# New Truck Registrations by Makes by Months\*

	Auto- car	Brock- way	Chev- rolet	Diam- ond T	Dodge	Fed- eral	Ford	G.M.C.	Hud- son	Inter- nat'i	Mack	Ply- mouth	Reo	Ster- ling	Stude- baker	White	Willys	Misc.	Total
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Per cent change	-32	-58	-57	-39	-42	-17	-58	-48	-68	-52	-48	-93	-2	-58	-24	-30	-23	-41	-5

<sup>\*</sup> January new registrations are not indicative of new sales during that month as many of the registrations are for sales made late in December but not recorded until January.

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# TIRES AFFECT AXLES

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wheel and a differential. When turning a corner it is necessary that the outer wheel turn faster than the inner and the differential makes this possible. The differential is a relatively small set of two side gears and four pinions which act as a speed balancing device between the two axle shafts. Fig. 9 shows the arrangement

of final drive gears and differential in a bevel gear axle.

The differential is designed to balance the power between the two axle shafts but is expected to function as a speed balancer only for momentary periods in turning corners and not for continuous operation.

By means of the differential, the drive gear speed will always be the mean of the wheel speeds. If one wheel makes 580 revolutions per mile and the other makes 590, then the

drive gear is turning 585 revolutions per mile. Under these conditions the differential is working continuously and will cause unnecessary wear. If at the same time the differential is starved of lubricant due to too low oil level in axle, then the differential pinions may freeze on their trunnions.

It is highly desirable to have both rear wheels turning at the same speed, which means that the loaded radius of the tires must be equal.

# Single Tires on Front Axles

On front axles, single tires only are used for normal operation of trucks. Tire inflation is an important factor in steering front axles. This introduces another feature of tire behavior. The increased deflection of a tire increases the area of contact with the road. The shape of this tire contact is indicated in Fig. 10. With a lower inflation, the area of contact increases to that indicated by the dotted line. With more contact area, steering requires more effort. This can be quickly checked by changing inflation pressures on the front tires of any truck and observing the steering effort required with each inflation pressure.

If front brakes are equalized, then a difference in loaded radius between the two front tires will cause the tendency to pull to one side. The tire with the smaller loaded radius will have more pull due to a shorter lever arm, with the same brake output

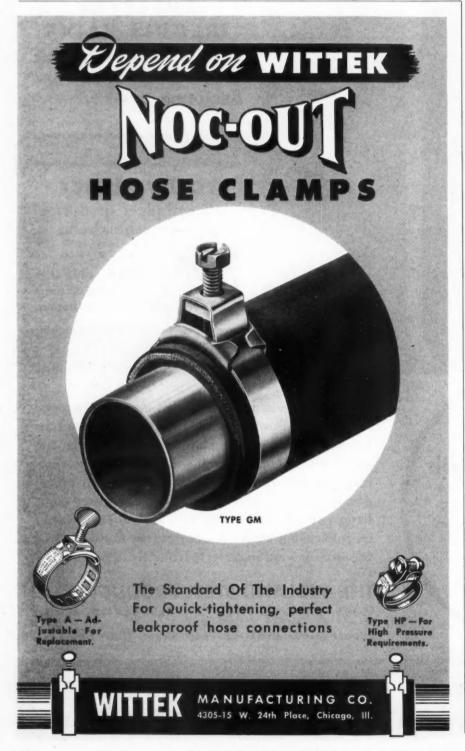
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# Relation of Tires on Two or More Axles Connected Together

In the tandem drive six wheelers, the two rear axles are connected together by the propeller shafts. Therefore, it is vital that all four rear wheels rotate at the same speed which means that the loaded radius of tire must be the same all around.

Take the example of trucks equipped with 7.50/20 tires and 6.6 axle ratio. If the wheels on the rear, rear axle make 582 revolutions per mile then the pinion shaft will make 6.6 x 582 = 3841.2 revolutions per mile. If the conditions of the tires on the forward rear axle were such that the wheels would make 577 revolutions per mile, then the pinion shaft would want to make 6.6 x 577 = 3808.2 revolutions per mile. It takes only a

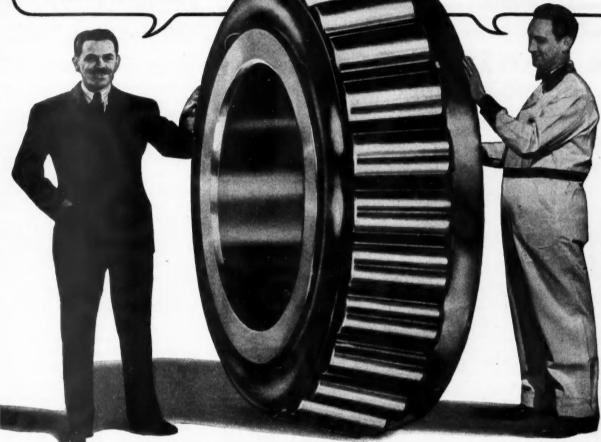
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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 46) slight difference in tire loaded radius to have this condition, as will be seen by referring to Charts I and II.

Because the two pinion shafts are connected, a difference in rotative speeds cannot exist, so what happens?

The rear axle tries to over-run the forward axle and the forward axle tries to slow up the rear and the result is called "wheel fight."

The flexible tire tread squirms and slips on the road, the propeller shaft tries to wind up, the axle shafts try to wind up, the gear teeth are loaded up to extremely high pressures, bearings are overloaded with dire results if continued over a period of time.

Extremely high pressures between gear teeth squeeze out all lubricant and "steel to steel" contact results in gouging out the steel on the gear teeth. Tire treads are literally "sawed off."

This sounds very complicated but as a matter of fact the answer is very simple as shown by a large operator in Chicago who has some six wheelers on which tires are carefully inspected and maintained. The tire mileages obtained were greater than ever reached on their conventional four wheel trucks, proving that uniform tire loaded radius produces maximum tire mileage regardless of vehicle design.

If an inter-axle or third differential is used between the two driving axles. then wheel fight due to improper tire inflation is eliminated. However, third differential maintenance is introduced and also it must be remembered that the slipping of one rear wheel will prevent movement of the vehicle as in an ordinary four wheel truck. The big advantage of two driving axles is sacrificed because the operator refuses to maintain tires.

The relation of tires to axles on the four wheel-four wheel drive and six wheel-six wheel drive trucks is exactly the same as with the tandem axle drive just covered.

From the foregoing, it is evident that tire maintenance plays an important part in axle operation and maintenance. It has also been shown that checking tire inflation only is not sufficient. It is necessary to maintain the same loaded radius for all tires for best results. How?

First, the tires for any truck should be checked for circumference with a measuring tape and tires should be mated into sets.

After proper inflation, in accordance with the load carried, the loaded radius can be readily checked by measuring from a flat level surface, on which the loaded truck is standing, to the centerline of the axle. A convenient gauge is shown in Fig. 11. This dimension shown being the same for all wheels. Any necessary adjustments are obtained by changing the tire inflation pressure.

The inspection of tires as outlined here will result in more satisfactory axle performance, easier driving, reduced axle maintenance and longer

We have tried to prove that checking tire inflation pressures only is not any guarantee of proper tire maintenance. We also remind you that the same inflation pressure in the same size tires but having various degrees of wear will not result in the same tire loaded radius. If tires have been re-capped, be sure that they are used in pairs to get equal loaded tire radius for dual tire mounting.

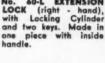
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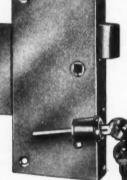
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# TRUCKS - TRAILERS ADAPTED TO MASS TRANSPORTATION

TWO new bus-type trailer transports are being considered by government transportation men for use as passenger carriers, particularly in industrial areas. One of these is the actual conversion of a driveaway trailer into a passenger carrying vehicle; the other is the result of a design concived by a committee representing the Office of Defense Transportation, the War Production Board, and the Army and Navy Munitions Board. Both are designed to be hauled by 1½-ton tractors.

The first of these is a drive-away conversion operated by Baker Driveaway Co., Inc., Detroit. This vehicle will be used at the Ravenna Arsenal in Ohio to transport war workers on short hauls up to four miles about the Arsenal grounds. It has a seating capacity of 45 persons and can accommodate 45 standees.

Cost of the conversion is estimated at \$500. Construction is of wood. It is estimated that 2500 drive-away trailers are available in Michigan alone for similar conversion to relieve highway traffic and reduce use of private automobiles.

The other passenger-carrying trailer which resulted from collaboration of government offices, was designed by Frank H. Shepard, special assistant to Guy A. Richardson, director of ODT's division of Local Transport. Fred B. Lautzenhiser, technical consultant to the Automotive Branch, Division of Industrial Operations, WPB, assisted in its design.

This trailer has a seating capacity three times that of an ordinary city bus and twice that of a street car. The trailer chassis embodies an ingenious application of a conventional design steel frame with a plywood and masonite superstructure. It rolls on eight truck tires, with the usual six tires on the tractor. Because of the light weight of the unit in relation to the load carried, and the use of a moderntype floating axle, efficiency in the use of tires will be far greater than in any other

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It cost only \$500 to convert this drive-away trailer into a bus seating 45. It answers query "What to do with drive-aways?"

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type of rubber-tired passenger carrier so far developed.

Maximum load of the trailer is 141 persons. The vehicle contains 87 fixed seats, and 24 drop seats are to be installed later. An additional 30 standees can be accommodated. Length of the truck-trailer unit as a whole is 55 ft., and the trailer alone is 45 ft. long. Weight of the trailer is 12,000 lb. as compared with 17,000 for a standard type 40-passenger city bus.

The trailer is intended primarily as a stop-gap vehicle for mass transportation of workers to plants located in areas where no other public transportation facilities are available and where workers would otherwise depend on private automobiles as long as these remained available. Assuming an average load of two workers per private automobile, the truck-trailer would carry on 14 tires a passenger load equivalent to that which would otherwise be carried in 70 automobiles using 280 tires.

#### **Automotive Council Appointments**

The Automotive Council For War Production announces the appointment of Arthur C. Butler as head of the recently organized Military Vehicles Division. Mr. Butler formerly manager of the Motor Truck Division of the Automobile Manufacturers Association, will be located in Washington representing the motor truck, coach and trailer vehicle producers for the military forces and for war transportation purposes.

James G. Ellis will be associated with Mr. Butler in Washington. Mr. Ellis has been with the Motor Truck Division of the A.M.A.

Mr. Walton Schmidt has been named as assistant manager of the Military Vehicles Division, he will be located in Detroit and will work with military vehicles technical committees. Mr. Laurence E. Tilley, has also been added to the Washington staff.

#### Houghton to Handle Lubri-Zol

Effective May 1, 1942, the E. F. Houghton & Co., of Philadelphia, will take over the retail sales division of the Lubri-Zol Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio. The Houghton organization will now manufacture, sell and service Lubri-Zol lubricants.



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# EMERGENCY TIRE RATIONS FOR TRUCKS

Revised regulations will make emergency tire certificates, equal to 10 per cent of tires on wheels, available to List A ICC-controlled over-the-road operators

EMERGENCY reserves of tires and tubes for quick replacements of blow-outs will be made available to some long-distance bus and truck operators to save time and rubber in carrying vital materials, according to an announcement by Leon Hénderson, administrator, Office of Price Administration.

Single spares, as now permitted for each wheel-size, are frequently not enough. Vital time may be lost when more than one tire of a size blows by the necessity of applying for replacements to a rationing board remote from a vehicle's base of operations and unfamiliar to the driver.

Often when a tire on a dual wheel blows, its companion will blow also. Even when it does not, the remaining tire may be seriously damaged.

Amendment No. 5 to the Revised Tire Rationing Regulations, effective April 22, allows an emergency reserve of tires and tubes equal to 10 per cent of the total number of running wheels on qualified vehicles—in addition to spares already permitted.

OPA will make available either emergency reserve certificates for new tires and tubes, or regular certificates for retreading or recapping when the applicant has extra tire carcasses. Certificate holders may purchase immediately the tires and tubes or hold certificates for use as need arises.

If tires are bought immediately, the purchaser may spot them at points along routes over which his vehicles operate.

To qualify for emergency certificates a vehicle must be either operated by a state government or subject to Interstate Commerce Commission regulation. In addition, it must be eligible under List A of the Revised Tire Rationing Regulations and have more than 50 per cent of its regular operating mileage on runs 50 miles

or more from the nearest depot where the operator has tires stored.

No applicant qualifies under the plan, unless all his vehicles, except passenger cars, are on List A, which includes vehicles operating only in service deemed most necessary. Where only part of a fleet qualifies, under the long-haul provision of the plan, emergency certificates may be allotted for those vehicles. Tires obtained with emergency certificates may be used on any vehicle in the fleet.

Emergency certificates and emergency reserve tires together are not to exceed 10 per cent of the total number mounted on running wheels of long-haul eligible trucks in possession of the certificate-holder. In the case of small operators who have so few wheels on qualified vehicles that the 10 per cent computation would show them entitled to less than one tire, at least one emergency reserve certificate will be allotted. The operator of a single eligible truck is not excluded from the plan.

Operators covered, but who already have a reserve supply of tires greater than the 10 per cent permitted, may not be allotted certificates until their stocks have been depleted below that level. Those who have no reserves beyond the spares they are entitled to carry under the rationing regulations, or who have reserves less than 10 per cent of the total on running wheels, may apply for emergency certificates to make up the deficiency.

The certificates, to be issued by local rationing boards, will be granted only after the applicant has filled out a form requiring full disclosure of all pertinent information in regard to tires already in his possession. Applications for an original allotment are to be filed not later than May 15, 1942. The person who signs the application must appear before the

issuing board for any questioning neces-

When an operator's emergency reserve falls below the 10 per cent level, provision is made for replenishment. In applying for replenishing certificates, an operator must satisfy conditions virtually the same as those governing issuance of regular tire purchase certificates, except that off-the-wheel inspection is permitted.

Before applying for an emergency reserve, an operator must withdraw any pending regular application for a tire rationing certificate. Emergency reserve applications by commercial operators are to be made to the rationing board having jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant's principal place of business is located. In the case of state-owned vehicles, the board with authority in the area containing the seat of government is the one to which application should be made.

Procedure for replenishment of emergency reserves after they have been depleted calls for applications to the board that granted the original emergency certificates. Thus an operator may center all his dealings with a single board. If the applicant's tire or tube is no longer serviceable and cannot be repaired or recapped, he may request new tire and tube certificates. If a casing may be made serviceable by recapping, application should be made for permission to get a recapiob.

Certificates issued to establish the original emergency reserve are not to be charged against the quota of the board that issues them. Each board will keep a record of the emergency certificates it grants. These records are intended to aid in allotting quotas. After the original emergency allotments, however, all certificates issued for replenishment are chargeable against local board quotas.

Amendment No. 5 contains, besides the authority for the emergency reserve plan, provision under which any operator may shift tires from a List A vehicle to other vehicles declared eligible under List A by a local board.

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### **QUIZ ANSWERS**

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- b. Your all-important tires. Oil and grease deteriorate anything made of natural rubber. (The new synthetic rubbers have this one big advantage over natural rubber in their resistance to oil and grease.)
   If oil or grease should get on the tires, remove it immediately with soap and water.
- d. 10,000 gallons. A clogged up air filter
   wastes precious gasoline and also
   lets dirt, dust, and foreign matter

through to work havoe on precision engine parts.

- 3. a. When roads are icy or slippery, a slight amount of underinflation produces better traction and reduces the danger of skidding. Otherwise, underinflation wears out tires faster, wastes gasoline, and adds wear to engine parts.
- 4. c. To protect against "vapor lock," which is caused by bubbles in the pipeline when the gasoline gets too hot and boils. After a hard drive in hot weather or after driving in mountainous country, the engine should be left to idle a few
- minutes before the ignition is turned off. This also prevents loss of water from boiling.
- d. Chrome-plated surfaces will last longer if washed frequently. After washing and drying, apply a protective coating of ordinary furniture wax. If wax isn't handy, a little n otor oil will do the job.
- 6. b. Plugs that are too cool for the engine are likely to become coated with soot and oil, causing the engine to "miss". And while on the subject of spark plugs, it's a good idea to remember that bad plugs can waste as much as one gallon of gasoline out of every ten. Tests prove it.
- 7. b. Certain small insects which attack the leaves of trees, especially elms and maples, give off a residue which falls and re-acts chemically upon the enamel finish. The truck will appear to be covered with little sticky spots that are hard to rub off. These should be washed off as soon as possible.
- 8. d. Your wheel alignment is at fault. Even a very slight variation from correct adjustment will cause rapid wear on the tires. Check the alignment of your wheels regularly if you want your tires to tide you over. It's especially important to check after a minor accident, such as skidding into a curb.
- b. Stale beer, so they tell us, is popular as a cleaning fluid in fine glass shops. Old linen makes the best rags for cleaning glass.
- 10. a, b, c, and d. All four are gasoline wasters, and you had to check every one of them to give yourself credit for a correct answer. Low gear driving means more engine revolutions per mile and fewer miles per gallon. "Pumping" the accelerator pedal is hard on the engine and wastes fuel. Speeding may increase gas consumption as much as 50 per cent. Sudden stopping wastes momentum that has taken gasoline to build up.



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#### SAVE BY SALVAGE

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part is sufficient for our loads but welding both top and bottom would be necessary to sustain heavier loads.

It is a common practice to mount the body on a 6 or 8 in. wood cross member on top of the chassis frame, but this increases overall height. Every inch of added height increases wind resistance, with consequent increase of gasoline consumption and

extra burden on the engine. By acetylene welding these members, we get a flush top. Then we can mount the body flat on the chassis frame without machining. This makes a solid lasting construction. It also saves the cost of the extra wood supports.

We have just completed overhauling another 1935 model, 11/2-ton, representing the same time and labor costs for motor and chassis but without a new body, as the old one was still usable. We have one other 1935

model ready for complete rebuilding. On this basis the per mile cost on the overhaul job affords a big saving compared to the cost of new units, but the important thing is that it is worth while conserving vital materials needed to promote and prosecute offensive war against our enemies. This policy, combined with even more intensive check-ups on tires, batteries, brake lining, lubrication and motor tune-ups will extend the average life of our trucks three years beyond. This proves that salvaging parts is the most important factor in keeping our equipment rolling.

For the past two months we have cut down deliveries by one-third. Officials of our company have instructed our driver salesmen to explain the necessity of conserving equipment, and especially tires, to all customers, urging them to buy in larger quantities. All have complied without reservation or complaint. The advantages to all concerned are so obvious as to need no further explanation.

Two of the most important pieces of equipment in our shop are acetylene soldering irons, one large unit in the maintenance shop, and a small portable which the mechanics can carry wherever needed. Each has a fine match-size flame and not only facilitates the efficiency but speeds the work. We are no longer able to buy sets of ignition and light wiring. We buy this on large spools, cut to required lengths and solder connections quickly. This process saves both time and money and conserves

Making Trucks Last Longer by Art Barge

material.

Shop Foreman, A. H. Perfect & Co. UR fleet, consisting of four trucks, seven truck tractors and eight semi-trailers, fortunately was in first class condition as we entered the war. Although we have no units older than 1939, our goal is to maintain and salvage everything possible to extend the life and service of these units by at least two years.

Obviously, salvage of working parts from our comparatively new equipment has not been on a large scale but will take increasing precedence from now on. To illustrate, one of our trucks uses an oil cooler in the

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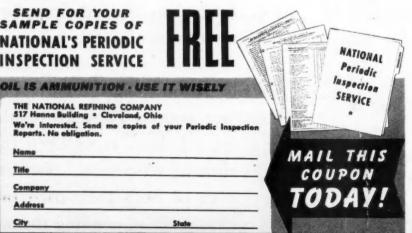
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lubricating system which costs \$9.00 to replace. Heretofore, this unit was replaced when, due to carbon formation, its efficiency was reduced. Experimental tests recently showed that by removing this unit and placing the small radiator in acid solution most of this carbon will dissolve. We replaced the half-inch line of copper tubing with scrap pieces, soldered to casting. This required one hour labor, a little solder and a few inches

of scrap tubing. The saving amounts to \$8.00 per unit, besides conserving important material such as copper and steel.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining ignition wiring replacements we buy spools of ignition wire, make all our own ignition connections and soldering each in its proper place.

In the past we always traded our trucks in if and when motors required cylinder reboring. This policy is out now and complete reconditioning will be employed if and when it becomes necessary to do so. Our trailers have all-metal bodies and we repair these by welding and refinishing broken or damaged parts.

Our management has cut down deliveries to wholesale trade from three to two per week. Our customers are instructed to buy in larger quantities to compensate for this reduction in delivery service as a patriotic measure to save tires, gasoline and oil. No one suffers. Another example of conservation is shown in the matter of rearranging territorial routes.

For example, formerly we sent one unit west on Highway No. 30 and another on No. 33. Now one unit serves both routes with an additional haul of only 20 miles, unless upon occasion the load is too heavy for one unit to carry through.

Under our former maintenance program the average service per unit before trade-in was five years. Under our new program of super checking, salvaging of parts and reduced deliveries we confidently expect to extend this period to eight years.

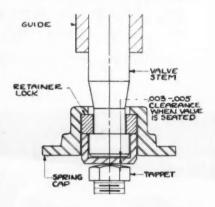
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#### Thompson "RotoValve"

The "RotoValve" recently introduced by the Thompson Products Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, is designed to prolong exhaust valve life in engines operating under extreme conditions.

A special locking device in the tip permits the valve to rotate slowly in the guide without interfering with normal operation. This device frees the valve stem from the retainer when the valve is opened. Forces inherent in the valve train induce slow rotation, which produces a light lapping action on valve and block seats. Seat and stem deposits are thus removed be-



fore the accumulation at these points can cause blow-by or sticking. In addition, if blow-by does exist due to block distortion, etc., no one point of the valve face is continuously subjected to high temperature gas, preventing local overheating and guttering of the sealing surface.



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truck and semi-trailer must be in good condition before they go on the highway again. The inspectors at the check-in station compare the Accessory Inspection Report of items checked on leaving with the presence or absence and condition of those items on returning. They note road repairs, if any, and accidents causing damage to equipment. They study and check the items indicated on the Driver's Service & Tire Change Report as needing attention.

If repairs are needed, a description of the work to be done is entered on a repair order. Drivers, by the way, are not expected to make repairs on the road, other than change tires, in which case they make appropriate entries in their Tire Change Record.

If no repairs are needed, the tractor and semi-trailer go through the routine preventive maintenance inspection anyway. You might say in such cases we have to look for trouble ourselves, without help or suggestions from driver or inspector at the check-in station.

The following is a check list of procedure:

- 1. Inspection at check-in station. .
- 2. Shop test before preventive maintenance operations.
- 3. Steam cleaning.
- 4. Brake test and adjustment.
- 5. Wheel, rim and tire inspection.
- 6. Steering gear inspection.
- 7. Electrical test throughout.
- 8. Chassis inspection.
- 9. Motor tune-up.
- Complete lubrication and grease job.
- 11. Shop test after preventive maintenance operations.

Each of these operations is handled by a specialist, or a group of specialists. We don't ordinarily hire specialists as such. Most of our shop employees are "imported" because there are no similar shops within many miles. When we hire a new man we "put him through the shop" to find at what kind of work he excels, or is so interested that he takes the trouble to learn all he can about it. As quickly as there is an opening for that sort of specialist, we give him a chance to show what he can do. Actually, most of our men are good all-around mechanics who are extra good at certain jobs, and are customarily assigned to such work. One beauty of having crews of specialists is that they demand special tools for their work and use these tools intelligently. Our shops are equipped with most tools necessary to keep trucks operating efficiently.

Up to this point we have indicated how a truck returning to the home base is checked for necessary repairs. After this inspection and before any work is done each piece of equipment is thoroughly cleaned. Ours is a steam cleaning process in which we use a big boiler that supplies ample steam for a steam cleaner of our own invention and make. We also have a high-pressure unit for removing old paint with stripping solution. For this work we also use the steam cleaner and steam solution vats.

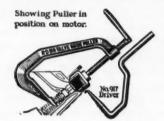
The steam unit consists of a high pressure boiler, developing a 125-lb. working pressure, to which are connected vats large enough to take an

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# LOOK INTO YOUR TOOLBOX-

Is it equipped to service Ford Valves-profitably?

# The K-D 920 Valve Guide Puller Set Services FORD 85 • MERCURY • LINCOLN-ZEPHYR • TRACTOR • 4 CYL.



Pulling "frozen" valve guide assemblies from Ford-built motors is almost impossible without the right tools. The K-D 920 Set does a bang-up job, no matter how tightly the guides are stuck. With a few hammer blows the 917 Driver removes the retainers. After that, with the jaw of the 918 Puller under the guides and the pressure cup around valve head, a few turns on the screw handle pulls the most stubborn guides up and out. It's a tough, reliable outfit. Drop-forgings and tool steel for long, dependable service. (This set will not service Ford 60 H. P. See the K-D 860 for that job.)

### NEW - ADAPTOR for 920 Set to Service FORD 6

In the new Ford 6 the intake valve heads are larger than the exhaust and this 923 ADAPTOR must be used to provide clearance for these larger heads. The Adaptor is *not* furnished with the 920 Set. It must be ordered separately.



### K-D 925 is the RIGHT Tool for Replacing Assemblies



The K-D 925 Replacing Tool will service all Ford-built motors except 60 H. P. It was designed for motors on which a bar-type lifter could not be used. These are Lincoln-Zephyr, Ford 6 cyl., Ford 4 cyl. and Ford Tractor... but it works just as well on the others. It is a well-built tool but is not to be used for removing valve guide assemblies. Engaged on a head stud with jaw in grooves at bottom of guides, a downward pressure on handle pulls assembly down permitting installation of retainer.

These are only a few of more than 60 K-D Tools. See and price them at your Jobbers. Or write for new free Catalog.



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entire engine, a separate vat for small parts and a vat for radiators. After cleaning, we use live steam at boiler pressure to blow off excess water or

dirt and dry the part.

No crank cases, transmissions, rear ends or other parts are overhauled by a mechanic until they are thoroughly clean, inside and out. Why expect a mechanic to do a good job when he has to work in a lot of muck?

Sure, we waste some oil and grease

down the sewer by cleaning units thoroughly, but our policy is to use new oil and grease. We don't reclaim crankcase drainings. In each tractor and truck cab we keep a card on which oil change dates and oil change mileages are recorded, as well as filter change mileages. Oil is changed every 1500 miles and the filter cartridge is changed every 5000 miles.

In the preventive maintenance shop there are wheel bearing record cards on which we keep track of when to

pack wheel bearings, as well as the mileage between packings. All wheel bearings must be repacked at 10,000 mile intervals. Here, too, we don't merely smear a little new grease over the old muck in the bearings. We take out each bearing, clean out the old grease thoroughly, inspect the bearing, and repack it only if it is in first class condition. Our wheel bearing repacker is of an improved type and forces grease into a bearing so that every nook and cranny is filled solidly with grease.

Routine greasing of a chassis is quickly and efficiently done, because everything is clean underneath.

When a tractor, truck or semitrailer comes into the preventive maintenance shop, certain of our men inspect the wheels, rims and tires, If the tires need attention they go to our tire shop where we are equipped to make all repairs. If the tires show evidence of shimmy, misalignment. or need of front wheel or steering gear adjustment, that fact is reported to men assigned to such work.

We use as one of our important maintenance tools a heavy duty type front-end alignment machine and wheel balancer. This machine corrects all alignments, including wrecked equipment, as well. All work is straightened and relined without heating. This machine is particularly useful in preventing needless tire wear due to wheel or axle defects and we consider it highly important in view of the present rubber situation.

For preventive tire maintenance we keep a careful record on the life of each tire, where it was used, what mileage it gave, what the repair costs were, etc.

Tire records are facilitated by our branding system in which we use an electric coding iron and a series of low numbers other than the manufacturers' serial number for our own recording and prevention of theft. File cards are kept with corresponding numbers containing the history of each tire. Every time a tire is changed, a report is made on the daily tire change record and the information is later entered on the master tire mileage record.

This just about takes care of our preventive maintenance routine, and now we come to our major repair and rebuilding departments. No matter how carefully they are maintained,

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Operators of trucks in city delivery service, in long distance hauling and in every kind of use, report improved brake maintenance and lowered costs after using American Brakeblok's free Brake Lining Advisory Service. Our engineers are available to help you on brake maintenance. Simply ask your American Brakeblok representative to fill in an Advisory Service form for your fleet, or write us.



Master stocks in 38 NAPA Warehouses.

Jobbers everywhere give prompt service.

American Brakeblok Division of The American Brake Shoe & Foundry
Company, Detroit, Michigan





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trucks, tractors and semi-trailers will wear out, break down and sometimes

get wrecked.

When a piece of over-the-road equipment does break down, and the trouble is such that it cannot be corrected promptly either by the driver and his helper, or at some nearby garage, the driver phones our nearest mechanic or branch shop and the person receiving the call immediately fills in a Road Call and Trouble Report. This report gives the important

facts and includes the later report of the mechanic who is sent to the waiting equipment to make emergency re-Fortunately, we don't have a great deal of this emergency work to do and a truck or tractor can usually come in under its own power. The decision to operate a truck after a breakdown is left up to the driver, provided a mechanic is not dispatched to the scene.

When the preventive maintenance shop tester or inspector reports the need for major repairs, the procedure is as follows: First the equipment is steam cleaned. Then, depending upon what the repair order calls for, it goes to the unit shop or the body shop. Suppose the motor needs over. hauling. We remove that motor and install a rebuilt motor immediately. The same thing is done with clutches. transmissions, differentials, steering gears, carburetors, governors, etc. We never hold a piece of equipment out of service to repair units. We simply replace those units and rebuild the defective ones so they will be ready for future replacements.

Engines are rebuilt completely, a record being kept of the sizes to which cylinders are rebored, and of any other changes which differentiate that particular rebuilt motor from a new one. Each rebuilt motor is carefully tested. We have an old frame, complete with drive shaft, but the shaft turns a paddle fan in a protecting housing instead of turning rear wheels against a measured friction. The paddles of the fan are adjustable in and out on radial arms to give varying degrees of air friction. Our Engine Test Record card contains a record of the motor performance factors we need after the rebuilt motor is set in the testing frame and hooked up to the drive shaft. The final runin is done with the throttle wide open, pulling in overdrive against a heavy load at a road speed equivalent to 18 m.p.h. in r.p.m.

Motors which pass their tests are then thoroughly cleaned and spray painted. We keep eight to ten rebuilt motors on hand at all times, as well as two or three new motors of

each of the types we use.

Our equipment for work on motors, including motor tune-ups, is rather complete, with three valve refacers, boring bars, grinders, portable cranes, lathes, drill presses, three gas analyzers and other necessary tools.

Whenever transmissions or rear ends are to be rebuilt, we give each tooth of each gear a minute examination, preferring to discard a defective gear before it wrecks the gear into which it meshes. In our kind of work we feel that a gear should be a lot better than "just good enough" before it goes back into a rebuilt unit.

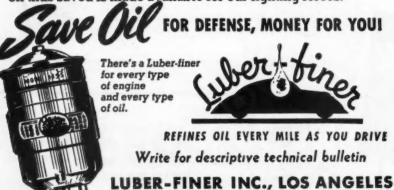
Our electrical departments, both for rebuilding and preventive maintenance, are equipped to rewind armatures and field coils, turn and recut

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planes, ships, tanks and trucks: Install Luber-finer, a genuine oil refiner, on your motor. With refining packs replaced at proper intervals it saves unnecessary oil drains, costly repair bills and adds thousands of miles to oil and engine life.

Letters in our files indicate that Luber-finer users drive from 15,000 to 100,000 miles between crankcase drains. The oil thus saved is made available for our fighting forces.

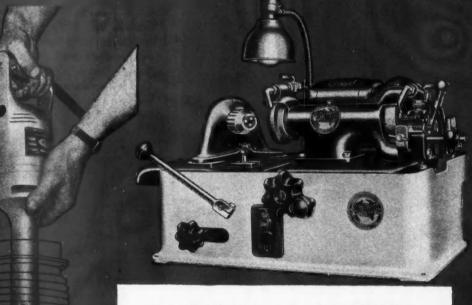




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Electric Drills; Valve Face Grinding Machines, Wet Grinders; Dual-Action Valve Seat Grinder; Dual-Action Aviation Valve Seat Grinder; Bench Grinders; Portable Electric Grinders; Portable Electric Sanders and Polishers; Phenol Abrasive Discs, etc.

Ask Your Jobbers' Salesman

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There is so much night driving that batteries get run down. We check batteries after each trip. Batteries that don't test up to standard are torn down and rebuilt.

The battery check includes checking voltage, gravity, water level, case cracks, damage and bad connections. If faulty, the battery is exchanged for a rebuilt one and the old unit goes to the repair department. A few months ago we started accumulating repair parts for rebuilding batteries and as long as this stock lasts we will be able to maintain our present repair schedules.

No important repairs are ever made to carburetors while they are attached to motors in the shop. We install a rebuilt carburetor. The same applies to governors, etc.

In an earlier part of this account mention was made that equipment sometimes gets wrecked. In order to keep a separate accounting of the repair costs incurred as a result of wrecks, we keep a monthly Accident Report Cost Sheet on which we enter all of our costs in connection with the damaged equipment. This sheet is a recapitulation of dates of wrecks, equipment involved, drivers, where the wreck happened, the nature of the wreck, the time of day it happened, material, parts and labor costs of repairing, the cost of going after the wrecked equipment, etc.

An important part of our self-sufficient maintenance and repair operations is our body shop. Here we make all repairs and rebuild bodies.

Where semi-trailer bodies have to be trued back into shape, we have pillar jacks that help us do the job fast. In fact, we have all the body and fender tools that anyone could possibly need to smooth out dents in the side of a semi-trailer; take the accordion pleats out of a fender, rebuild a cab, or what have you.

We are fussy about such minor items as door hinges, window lifts, hood clamps and miscellaneous squeaks and rattles. We don't like such annoying noises in our own cars and we don't think our drivers should have to listen to them all day long. The few minutes spent to make and keep a cab quiet are well spent.

Trailer maintenance requires specially trained men and special tools. Troubles and preventive maintenance are closely connected. Alignment of semi-trailer chassis and bodies is important for reasons of safety, excessive wear on tires, equalization of brakes, proper spring suspension, taking undue stresses out of body supporting members, etc. We make repairs in whatever measure necessary to put trailers back into operation and in some cases changes are necessary from the original design to prevent recurrence of troubles. We find it hard to draw the line between preventive trailer maintenance changes made necessary because of the peculiarities of our operation.

When a piece of over-the-road equipment has gone through our Kingsport shops it is thoroughly tested, particular attention being paid to those items which the driver has listed for repairs, or which the check-in inspector reported as needing attention. Only after equipment has passed this final test is it returned to service. This, however, is not the only inspection it receives before it

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The dependable power of these famous Red Seal Engines is not limited to airplanes, tanks, trucks, buses, agricultural machinery, oil field equipment and "jeeps." No, indeed! Continental Red Seal Power surges forth from thousands upon thousands of industrial engines to operate compressors — mixers — pumps — conveyors — generators — excavators — graders — grinders — hoists — mills — crushers — mining machinery — road-building and road-maintenance, etc.

In fact, there are more than 60 individual and prominent applications—each depending on the precise engineering and high quality production that for more than 40 years of fine engine building have spotlighted the slogan—AMERICA'S STANDARD.



# Ammunition of War for the home front!

Today there is but one goal for the men and machines of America: Production and still more production!

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As raw materials roll in and the finished sinews of war roll out in an ever increasing flood, transportation faces its biggest test. No need to tell transportation men the seriousness of the situation. With the manufacture and sale of new vehicles restricted, existing trucks and trailers have got to stand up!

And if they've got to stand up, how about replacement parts? They're also ammunition of war — for the home front!

Forward-looking Timken, with the finest research and manufacturing facilities in the industry, is helping win the war on the home front not only with time-proved, quality-controlled original equipment parts, but also with a complete program for proper A. M. (Axle Maintenance).

Practicing good A. M. and using Timken original equipment parts is one of the best ways of all to keep your equipment rolling for VICTORY. It will pay you—in more mileage and longer, more dependable service—to insist on genuine Timken parts and to practice proper A. M. Write us for complete information on how we can help you.

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goes out on the highway. Before the driver gets in the cab the inspector at the check-out station gives all safety items a thorough going over. And before the driver leaves on a trip he inspects the equipment to make sure that it is in good condition. It is his duty to refuse to drive equipment that he believes will be unsafe on the road.

Such a situation is rare because many drivers make it a practice to visit the shops when off duty and particularly when their own equipment is being worked on. Here they ask questions, describe symptoms, show the mechanics just what they mean about this or that item, and then see for themselves that the work is being done properly. We're glad to have driver-visitors. After all, they're the men whose safety depends on the kind of work we do.

When the mechanical work is done on a tractor, truck or semi-trailer body, we send it to our paint shop, where we are equipped to turn out spray and brush work, as well as truck signs and all other painted signs for our various terminals and agency offices.

When a vehicle leaves the paint shop, assuming it was scheduled for the paint shop after leaving the repair department, the operating department is notified that the unit is ready for road service.

Considerable emphasis is placed on safety in our shops. Our transportation and safety departments, under the direction of I. N. Taylor and W. D. McLain, see to it that drivers are well trained and that dangerous highway conditions are promptly reported. Two safety cars are on duty 24 hours a day, covering all our operating routes, and turning in observation reports on road conditions. It depends on circumstances as to whether drivers are rerouted or merely warned about bad roads.

We belong to the National Safety Council and use their warning signs, and we also provide every means we know of to make it unnecessary for our shop men to take chances. For instance, we don't ask our mechanics to work under equipment that is supported on jacks; we have any quantity of steel supports of various heights that can't lower accidentally.

Transmission jacks must be used whenever a transmission is removed or installed. Goggles are provided wherever grinding is done or chips are likely to be flying. Respirators are provided for the spray painters. Our policy is to buy or make exactly the tools for each job by which that job can be done most efficiently and safely, having found that makeshift tools and methods are frequent causes of accidents. Another reason why our safety record is excellent is because our men are working on the same units or doing the same sort of work all the time. They are specialists and they know what to do and what not to do to avoid accidents.

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#### For Maintenance V Sing

General Motors has given the name of Victory Maintenance to its enlarged truck maintenance program recently inaugurated. The two additional features now supplementing the company's preventive maintenance plan originated in 1928, is a group overhaul plan which will be of particular importance to light truck operators. Another feature is the offer of complete or partial engine assemblies for replacement.



### FIGURING EFFICIENCY

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outlets, and embrace mainly the operating effectiveness of the delivery units in this type of service.

The same principles of control are employed in both types of operation. Approaching the discussion of this type of service from a primary standpoint of single warehouse distribution, it may be said that the extent of the economic delivery range is determined by the spread between manufacturer's cost and selling price to the limit approved by management.

Distributing areas around each of a successive group of warehouse points may be determined mathematically, having their limits set by formulas determined through the use of cost-per-unit mile factors, whether these units are in lb., cwt., tons, bbl., gal., cases, etc.

To determine these factors the following costs should be procured:

1. The variable cost per mile.

2. The fixed cost per hour.

It is debatable what costs of truck operation comprise the variable expense and likewise what costs comprise the fixed. Let us assume for all practical purposes the following:

Variable Expense: Gasoline, oil and grease, tires, and chassis

repairs.

Fixed Expense: Body repairs, depreciation, insurance, general expense, and license.

The total dollars of variable expense divided by miles run indicates cost/mile variable.

The total dollars of fixed expense divided by yearly hours assigned indicates cost/hr. fixed.

In order to determine the cost per unit mile, the fixed cost-per-hour is first converted into cost-per-mile by dividing the fixed cost-per-hour by the average vehicle speed.

Assuming the variable cost at 5.0c. per mile.

Assuming the fixed cost at 200.0c. per hour.

Assuming the average road speed at 20 m.p.h.

Then by conversion fixed cost would be 10.0c. per mile—added to the variable cost of 5.0c. per mile, or 15.0c. total per mile.

In the instance of the truck's load capacity of 100 cwt., the cost per cwt./mile would be \$.15/100 or \$.0015.

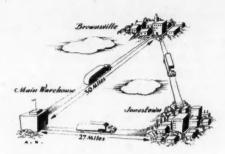


Fig. 1. Illustrating cost per unit mile problem discussed in the article

To illustrate the use of the costper-unit mile let us confront a problem to be solved. From a main warehouse point there are two other warehouses. One is at Brownsville, 30 miles away, and is stocked with goods at \$.05 per cwt. Another at Jonestown, 27 miles away, is stocked with goods at \$.04 per cwt. Brownsville and Jonestown have delivery trucks with rates of \$.0020/cwt. mile. This is illustrated at left.

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The first portion of the problem is:

How far from the main warehouse may the \$.0015 truck operate towards Brownsville until the
cost of delivery outward is equal
to the freight rate of \$.05 per cwt.
plus the cost of delivery by the
\$.0020 truck inward to the point
of cost equality.

The solution is as follows: \$.05/ \$.0015 = 33.3 miles. Return miles are included in these cases, therefore the point where the freight cost is absorbed is 33.3 or 16.7 miles out from the main warehouse. At this point the goods in the truck have a unit transportation cost equal to the unit freight cost at Brownsville. Having a \$.0015 rate truck at this point and a \$.0020 rate truck at Brownsville, the remaining miles to Brownsville will be divided proportionately with the rates of the competing trucks, namely:

\$ .0015  
.0020 or 
$$20 \times 13.3 = 7.6$$
 miles  
\$ .0035  $35$ 

Then 16.7 miles plus 7.6 miles = 24.3 miles, which should be the extreme point of division between the main warehouse and Brownsville.

Proving the point:

24.3 Out
2
48.6 Total Miles Out
\$ .0015
\$ .07290 Cost per Cwt.
5.7 Miles In
2
11.4 Total Miles In
\$ .0020

.02280
.05 Added Freight Rate

\$ .07280 Cost per Cwt.

The division between the main warehouse and Jonestown is obtained in like manner. The division between Brownsville and Jonestown points is obtained by first absorbing the difference in their rates by the truck operating from the cheaper point and then equally dividing the remaining miles, thus establishing the delivery limit between them. With the delivery areas economically established, we now arrive at the point where routing delivery service is built for each individual warehouse point.

There are three systems of delivery applicable from a given storage point. These are: (1) The route system of regular days based on positive schedules; (2) The flexible route system nominally called route dispatch which absorbs spot orders; (3) A dispatch system which places all deliveries on an order basis.

Prior to the detail construction of routes, volume must be determined by a daily or weekly period. Additional preparatory measures should be taken, such as:

1. Obtain largest sized truck available to

Attempt day and night delivery to as great an extent as possible.

3. Establish through sales division an educational program to:

 a. Buy largest possible quantity.
 b. Maintain high storage capacities for full load deliveries if possible.

Establish as many first rate credit conditions as possible.

A work sheet properly ruled and lined should be selected to accumulate customers' names and addresses. If the section being studied embraces only urban territory, their street addresses would be sufficient.

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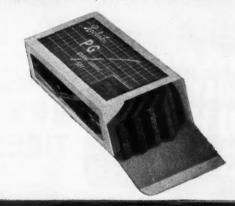
# for 230,000 VOLTS!

Hundreds of miles of transmission lines . . . carrying 230,000 volts from Grand Coulee Dam to the Pacific Northwest . . . safely, because the equipment is engineered with a margin of safety, beyond maximum calculable needs.

Raybestos Heavy Duty Brake Lining is also built with a margin of safety, the same margin customarily allowed for in the greatest engineering projects-300 percent! For example, Raybestos Heavy Duty Brake Lining will stop a 5 ton truck carrying a 20 ton load-safely. That's stopping power!

For today's vital transportation job, let your trucks have the advantage of Raybestos' margin of safety performance.

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Cities may be divided into sections according to volume.

A captioned column should contain the monthly volume of sales for each outlet. This figure is then reduced to a single day's delivery requirement and the day of service selected. Days of service are allotted each account and should be so grouped by towns or urban sections to minimize miles.

The sequence of delivery is then built up and the units of delivery accumulated successively until a full load is accounted for, following which miles run should be determined. A practical method for the measurement of miles is by use of a large scale map, and a standard map measure wheel, which measures in inches and is converted to miles through the use of the map's "scale of miles." Each day's work is accumulated in loads, miles and delivery stops.

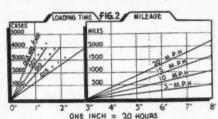
By the use of estimates at the beginning, and later through the use of time studies, standards may be provided for each operation to cover:

- 1. Plant or warehouse time, and loading
- 2. Average rate of speed in m.p.h.
- 3. Customer contact time.
- 4. Unloading time per unit.
- 5. Report time.

Hours are thus accumulated and the proposed load for the day increased or decreased to fit the normal length of shift time. By this measured method of routing, a high degree of efficiency may be obtained. If a sufficient number of accounts are so adjacently grouped and a standard regularity in daily service maintained, a monthly check-up on performance is ample. This type of check-up is adequate to cover regularly prescribed deliveries on fixed routes.

The same method of measurement may be employed to check on the operation of the flexible route system which absorbs spot orders.

All the factors of operation from total loads, hours worked, miles run, units sold, deliveries made, to the final report of the day can be scaled in time on card measuring devices of your selection. By pyramiding each card measurement of activity on the other, a total number of standard hours is revealed by use of the scale (in-hours-to-the-inch) × (the-number-of-inches-the-cards-cover).



Two cards from such a method now employed are shown in Fig. 2.

On these cards, the horizontal scale of the measuring device used is based on units of 20 hours to the inch. Average speeds according to the type of vehicle and territory covered, and loading time in hours per case are shown.

An example revealing the time consumed in loading 4000 cases at the rate of .015 hours per case, together with the time required to run 500 miles at an average speed of 10 miles per hour is shown. By measuring the number of inches on the full scale chart between the beginning of the operation and the end, we obtained full time consumed—in this case, 5.5 inches or 110 hours. The hours indicated by the standard

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# SPEEDS UP BRAKE AND TIRE SERVICE

During the next months you'll be pulling more wheels for tire and brake service than ever before. And the chances are that you can't afford to have two or three men spending hours to lift them. The answer lies in the new Weaver Truck and Bus Wheel Dolly for removing, transporting and replacing heavy single and dual wheels. Allows one man to do the entire job.

# Ing wheel to work bench and back. single an Write for complete information to: one man

The Weaver Wheel Dolly is sturdily

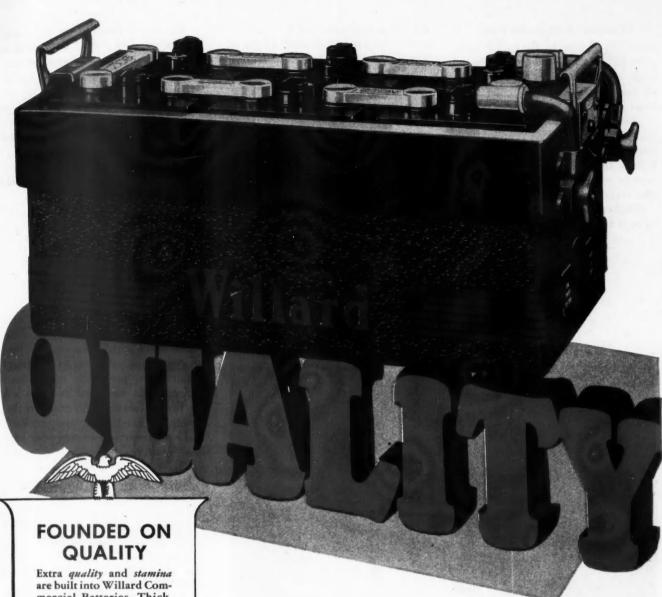
built to handle wheels weighing up

to 1200 lbs. Screw jack raises wheel

to exact height. Casters permit mov-



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Extra quality and stamina are built into Willard Commercial Batteries. Thick, heavy plates, strong, rugged containers, ample sediment space and rigid specifications as to material and workmanship give them the ability to stay on the job... give them the power to carry on. Exclusive "Safety-Fill" construction guards against destructive acid-spray—prevents clogging of vents.

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times 100 divided by the actual hours absorbed in performing the required work will give an indication of the efficiency in percentage of the operation.

This type of planning points toward high efficiency. It demands attention be given to all individual factors, the collection of which data permits accumulated detail to be used effectively.

Another method of checking activity is to convert each standard factor into a multiplier and deduce hours accordingly by application of the individual multiplier to the totals of all items of delivery mentioned above. The amount of the measured hours based on standards, compared to the reported hours, establishes a ratio of effectiveness.

This latter use of the standards is better adapted to measuring a single day's work or individual trip, and is less subject to error than the first method. It is better suited to measure the results of the dispatch system. The use of these forms, principles, standards, and rates, supplemented with time studies conducted periodically have for their ultimate end effective performance in delivery. When effective performance in delivery is attained, profits are maintained and this matter is your vital goal as a private operator.

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#### GET IN THE SCRAP

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mats; bundle up the wool and cotton, the burlap and even paper and cardboard and sell, sell, sell!

"Add to this scrap selling campaign a program of lengthening the life of every part, accessory, tire, tube and machine you now use, through greater care, preventive maintenance and constant vigilance and you will be further serving America by lessening the need of replacement parts and equipment and serving your business by decreasing your costs.

"To effectuate this plan in your business, you are asked by your government to act TODAY by:

"1. Appointing an alert member of your executive staff to see that all scrap and unneeded machines, parts and equipment are moved at once into your regular second-hand and scrap channels.

"2. By reporting to either the Transportation Division of the Industrial Salvage Section of the War Production Board or to your own transportation association what you have scrapped and sold and the name of your dealer, so that he may be followed up at once to see that it goes to where it is needed most.

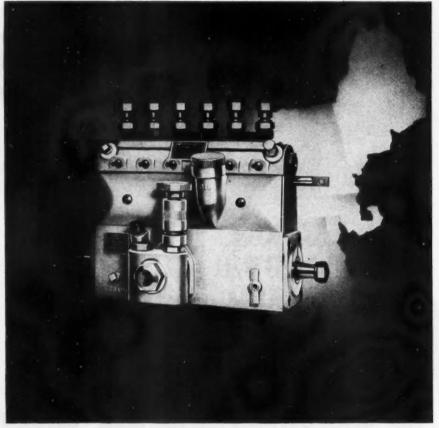
"3. By setting up a program to enlist every employee's cooperation and to keep this scrap moving plan functioning constantly 100 per cent. Scrap bins, boxes and barrels, plainly marked with the slogan 'Scrap for Victory' will help.

"The government is doing industry a favor. In my own business, we have already cashed in hundreds of dollars in scrap and we have sold several thousand dollars worth of unneeded parts and equipment and that is good business as well as good patriotism."

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Largest fleet operator in the country today is the United States Army. For general maintenance work the Army needs skilled mechanics. Many must come from truck and bus maintenance shops. Wise fleet operators are rushing the training of replacements, concentrating on older men less likely to be called.

Lower-octane fuels are providing a real problem for many operators today. Hope is that octane number of regular gasoline will not go below present average, but future is uncertain. Vast demand for high-octane gasoline components for aviation fuels has caused both lowering of octane rating and variations in volatility of commercial gasolines. Ignition timing and carburetor should be adjusted for fuels available.

Realization of the tremendous job trucks and buses are doing should bring recognition of the need for replacement parts. However, every effort should be made to conserve equipment by proper handling and maintenance, and whenever possible to repair parts rather than replace them.

Bright spot in the gasoline picture is the enlarged plant capacity of Ethyl. New plant was completed a year before Pearl Harbor. Indications are that all war needs can be met and still have antiknock fluid available for the cars, trucks and buses of our national transportation system.

Warning to operators or dealers who must store equipment: Be sure gasoline tanks and fuel systems are completely drained of <u>all</u> gasoline. Fuel left in tanks over period of months will form <u>gum</u> and cause serious troubles.

Information and advice on engine maintenance is offered by Ethyl fleet engineers. Operators are invited to call on them for help. Write to Ethyl at the above address for <u>free booklet</u>—"Practical Pointers on Engine Maintenance."

"Oil is ammunition—use it wisely!"

#### **ODT MAINTENANCE**

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to prolong truck life and conserve gasoline, parts, and tires. In order to do this, the truck must have special maintenance attention, and the booklet is a handy guide to a definite plan.

Factors of maintenance control and procedure, the third item, contemplates the issuance and follow-up through established professional technical societies and associations of suggestions relative to important maintenance techniques and procedures such as standard maintenance instructions, unit replacement control, frequency of mechanical failures, reclaiming methods, etc.

At present a number of these projects are being studied by the Society of Automotive Engineers' Transportation and Maintenance Activity. The work on the first of these projects, "Standard Practice Instructions," has progressed to the point that the fol-

lowing high spots have been determined:

- (1) In preparing Standard Practice Instructions they should not only be gathered and assembled with the idea of a reference manual, but should be considered as a coordinated training program of which the instructions are a part.
- (2) The instructions should be prepared and presented with the idea in mind they can be taken to the job as individual instructions and not as a book or manual.
- (3) The instructions should not only tell how to do the job but list the special tools required, if any, and show how they are used.
- (4) That Standard Practice Instructions be prepared by maintenance machine tool manufacturers giving information on how to use the equipment and how to maintain it in accurate adjustment and repair.
- (5) The very character of the information required indicates it is engineering information and should be prepared by maintenance engineers associated with the engineering department.
- (6) The parts of the assembly treated in the instructions should be assigned a true wear limit beyond which the part should be reclaimed, refinished, or replaced.

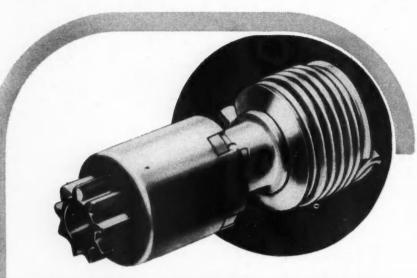
The projects on reclaiming methods include chromium plating of automotive parts, welding for reclaiming procedures, and metal spray coating in maintenance.

The projects on unit replacement control contemplate studies to determine what methods can be devised to prolong the life of automotive units, by timely adjustments, better lubrication, better selection of materials, and further analysis of the proper periods for the removal of units before actual breakdown. These subjects are of course closely tied to frequency of mechanical failures, which project is being studied with the idea in mind of perfecting methods for recording and analyzing road

The matter of Parts Availability and Supply, the fourth item, is one of the most important functions of the Section. A thorough knowledge of the processes necessary to manufacture automotive parts of every type.

failures.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

October 30, 1941.

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provides the basis for mechanical procedures that may be set up to reclaim such parts when worn.

Building up worn areas by approved methods rather than scrapping whole units because of such wear at a time when there is little chance of getting new materials is of definite value. The Maintenance Section personnel of the Office of Defense Transportation have the feeling that the word "salvage" in connection with this type of conservation

does not properly describe such processes. Salvage hints of the scrap pile, when as a matter of fact most worn materials are far removed from the junk classification.

As typical examples of this statement, the following reclaiming procedures may be described. A propeller shaft worn at the joints, beyond repair, because of neglect, need not be scrapped. Two new joint assemblies, to replace the worn joints, removed from the two tubes carrying the male and female splines, may be

rewelded to the old tubes to make a serviceable assembly. If the splines on the old tubes are worn, they may be plated to any desired thickness to compensate for wear. A minimum amount of welding wire and metal for plating, with the addition of two new joint assemblies, reclaims an entire propeller shaft assembly.

A crankshaft worn at either the main bearing or connecting rod bearing areas to a depth that makes a regrind to a smaller available stand. ard size impossible, might be discarded by one unfamiliar with the excellent reclaiming process known as metal coating. This process has many possibilities in the automotive field mainly for the purpose of replacing mechanical wear. Only a few simple rules must be followed in order to assure complete success. Sprayed parts in automotive practice must not be excessively stressed, no fatigue cracks should exist in the foundation piece, the preparation of the foundation should assure keying and dovetailing deep enough to withstand any mechanical pressures involved. Also the base material must be clean and free of oxides, oil, dirt. or water, and the sprayed metal must be finely atomized to insure the molten particles being small enough to penetrate the openings of the prepared foundation.

Preparation of the base material is accomplished by blasting with special steel grit or machining with special tools. Surface hardened shafts require the hardened area removed before preparation.

By the following method, crankshafts may be reclaimed with excellent results. The worn bearing area should be ground to the desired depth to assure uniform thickness in the finished sprayed material. The undercut surface is then shot blasted or machined. The prepared area is coated with the metal selected and the sprayed area is then finished by grinding or machining to the required size. By this method an expensive crankshaft may be reclaimed and brought back to its original dimensions at one-third the cost of a new shaft.

After several grindings engine valves may lose enough material from the valve face to reduce the head dimensions to the point where they seat too low in the cylinder head or block. Hard surfacing materials can be welded to the valve face much in



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A further explanation of this item of the program contemplates investigations to determine first, the availability of replacement parts.

Second, surveys of parts needed by vehicle operators to determine their comparative need in value and volume in relation to present supply. Third, information as to future potential need of replacement parts (based on inability to obtain new replacement vehicles). Fourth, present and future sources must be analyzed to determine.

a. Will present sources continue to produce in volume?

b. Are government military orders reducing ability to produce parts?

c. Can present sources be enlarged?

d. Can inadequate sources be recreated?

e. Must new sources be created?

I have purposely saved the Safety item of the program until the last because of its important bearing on the entire program.

There was a time when we could breathe a sigh of relief if one of our vehicles had been involved in an accident, as soon as we learned that no one had been hurt or killed.

Now we can no longer view the material damage with complacence. In a total war every vehicle that runs is part of war transportation or sooner or later it will not be running. With a scarcity of materials it is not a question of whether or not we can pay for replacements—it is a question of their being available.

If they are not, the vehicle cannot run and the beginning of a breakdown has set in. If we have serious breakdowns in our transportation system it may not cost the few lives that are ordinarily lost in a single severe highway accident, it may cost the lives of a whole company of men at the front because they were not supplied with the implements of war necessary to protect themselves to the greatest degree possible.

Thus we come back to our starting point. Efficiency of operation cannot be improved without improving the safety of operation.

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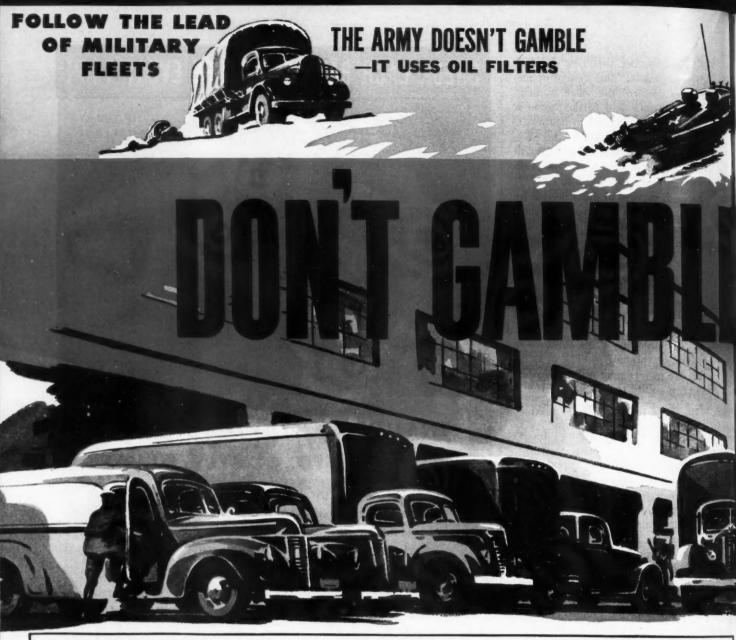
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#### **NEWSCAST**

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#### Virginia Approves Weight Limit Increase to 40,000 lb.

A bill permitting increase in gross weights of trucks from 35,000 to 40,000 lb. has been signed by the governor of Virginia. Permissible axle weights are increased from 16,000 to 18,000 lb. but only over highways designated by the state highway department. An allowable tolerance will actually permit 42,000 lb. gross weight and 18,900 lb. axle loads.

#### ATA Emergency Session In Chicago May 18

The executive committee of the American Trucking Association, Inc., will meet in Chicago in the Drake Hotel, May 18, a day earlier than the original schedule, to discuss problems incident to war.

The meetings of the safety and operations, business development, and accounting sections will be held throughout the three days of the meeting May 18, 19 and 20. Among the speakers will be Robert Cass, White Motor Co., who will speak on "Salvaging Truck Mileage"; T. L. Preble, "Maintenance Program of the ODT"; Amos E. Neyhart, "Skill Tests in

Driver Training and Selection"; H. H. Kelley, of ODT, "Truck Transportation and Allocation of Equipment."

#### D. R. Calhoun Is Trailmobile President; Other Officers Named

David R. Calhoun, Jr., has been elected president of the Trailer Company of America. Mr. Calhoun took office April 1, succeeding A. J. Woltering, former president and treasurer.

At the same time it was announced that C. J. Dalton, former controller of the company, was elected treasurer, and Robert Teare, was appointed assistant controller. An executive committee was formed, headed by Wade T. Childress, president of Columbia Terminals Co., as chairman. The members include Mr. Calhoun, and G. Corson Ellis. Joseph Englaender, remains chairman of the board.

Prior to being elected president of the trailer concern, Mr. Calhoun served as a vice-president and director of the St. Louis Union Trust Co. He is a director of some of the St. Louis industrial concerns including Anheusher-Busch, Emerson Electric Mfg. Co., Busch-Sulzar Bros., Columbia Terminals Co., St. Louis Public Service Co., and others.

Mr. Dalton, before joining the Trailer Company of America about a year ago, was associated with the Chrysler Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Goodrich Rubber Co. for many years. Mr. Teare was a former executive of the Crane Company, Chicago.

The company also announces appointment of Geyer, Cornell & Newell, Inc., as its advertising agency.



Numerous new orders (American style) are continually being issued by various branches of the federal government. Most of such orders with which readers of COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL are primarily concerned come from the offices of Price Administration, Defense Transportation, and the War Production Board. This is war, and these orders are war-time rulings. A resumé of orders of interest issued in the past month follows:

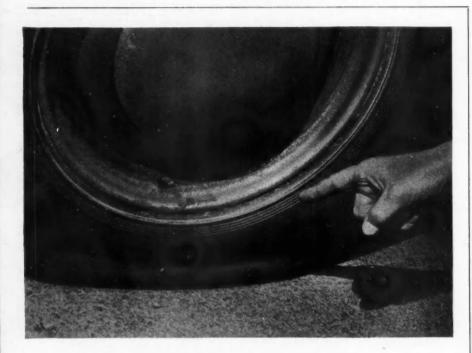
Because of the extremely serious rubber shortage, tire recapping material allocated for List B vehicles will be almost wholly of reclaimed rubber. This means low safe speeds and short tire life.

The OPA has no objection to issuance of purchase certificates for new tires of obsolete sizes to List B vehicle owners who have changed wheels and rims to permit use of those sizes instead of the recapped casings that otherwise would be the only kind available to them.

The Baking Advisory Committee, WPB, has recommended that baking companies reduce mileage 25 per cent by eliminating special and Sunday deliveries.

The Dairy Industry Advisory Committee proposes a 30 per cent curtailment of deliveries by eliminating special deliveries and using common carriers for scattered trade

The President has put teeth in government bureaus' efforts to enforce rulings. Violators of rationing regulations now face direct prosecution: \$10,000 fine and im-



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You can eliminate underinflation, the greatest saboteur of tire mileage—right in your service shop.

Tell your tire service men and your drivers to look for the "Soft Tire—Missing Valve Cap" combination. It may not always be the missing valve cap that caused the soft tire. But by screwing a Schrader air-tight valve cap down firmly after inflating the tire to its normal pressure, you can be sure that recurrence of underinflation can never be caused by leakage through the valve.

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Mincing no words and letting the axe fall on whom it applies, Defense Transportation Director Eastman charged "saboteur" at operators who did not make every effort to properly care for tires.

A pool of passenger cars not shipped by manufacturers prior to January 16, may be released by the OPA. Those being considered for release include specially built vehicles painted or equipped on order of a specific buyer, and automobiles on which registration had been effected or applied for prior to January 1 and for which rationing certificates were given under rationing order No. 2.

The recent order again curtailing gasoline shipments to 17 eastern states has been clarified to exempt deliveries to commercial vehicles, ambulances, or for the use of physicians, Federal, state or local governments, agricultural machinery and some other categories.

#### Study Class 1 Operations

Class 1 truck operators are being requested to fill out special questionnaires being provided by the Division of Traffic, Office of Defense Transportation. The objective is to determine the exact point-to-point service of all Class 1 motor carriers, the volume of freight they carry between specific points and how much additional freight they can handle between these points. It has been hinted that daily forms of a similar nature may be required.

#### Synthetic Rubber Contracts Let

The Department of Commerce announces that agreements and contracts estimated to bring the annual production of synthetic rubber to more than 700,000 tons, have been secured from 25 oil, chemical, and rubber companies by the Rubber Reserve Company and the Defense Plant Corp. The plants are expected to come into operation over the next 18 months, and all should be in production by the end of 1943.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson's latest estimates show rubber demands for the non-Axis world to be 655,500 tons in 1942, and 785,250 tons in each of the years 1943 and 1944.

#### Personalities in the News

E. L. Mench, Jr., is now a senior automotive engineer in the Engineering Division of the Quartermaster Corps, at Holabird Q.M. Motor Base. Mr. Mench was formerly in the transportation engineering department of International Harvester Co.

The J. H. Williams Co., tool manufacturer, has elected the following officers at its recent annual meeting: president, A. D. Armitage; vice-presidents, E. J. Wilcox and Willard C. Kress.

Edward B. Whitman has been appointed public relations director for the American Hammered Piston Ring division of Koppers Co.

Fred H. Lockwood has been appointed director of public relations, Guiberson

Diesel Engine Co., Dallas, Tex. He formerly held a similar post in Borg-Warner Corp.

Frederick C. Horner, formerly assistant to chairman of General Motors Corp., has been appointed to the Transportation Division, Services of Supply of War Department, to take charge of matters relating to commercial truck and bus service and equipment and air transportation. He will serve as assistant to Brigadier Generals Gross and Dillon.

The appointment of Charles D. Cavett as its advertising and sales promotion manager is announced by the Cummins Diesel Engine Corp., New York City.

George Small, who used to be assistant to Sam Houston of International Harvester Co., is now with the 108th Engineers as a Captain in charge of Motor Transport. He is at Camp Forrest, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Gar Wood Industries, Inc., announces that the following managers have been elected vice-presidents of their divisions: W. H. Hammond, sales manager of the hoist, body, and tank divisions and director of branches; J. B. Haile, general manager of the road machinery division; G. E. Robinson, manager of the winch division.

#### Correction

A tractor shown in conjunction with a Heil tank truck in the April issue of COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL was miscredited as a White unit. This is in fact a Sterling tractor powered by a 200-hp. diesel engine.







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#### **Tough on Tire Wasters**

Henderson's OPA is preparing an amendment to the Tire Rationing Regulations which provides that Local Rationing Boards shall refuse to grant certificates to applicants in both the A and B lists when the tire to be replaced has been rendered useless and non-recappable through deliberate neglect. Ditto applicants who have ruined tires by overloading.

#### **Emergency Rations Granted**

Last month's Runaround rumor that I.C.C.-regulated carriers would be granted 10 per cent emergency tire rations became a reality around the middle of April. Details elsewhere in this issue.

#### Tire Experimenters Busy

In addition to the wooden tires which have been publicized in the

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daily press and well-squeezed for their human interest value, there are reports that several large companies are experimenting with new kinds of tires. Ford is said to be experimenting with a new tire consisting of specially treated fabric using only onesixteenth of the rubber normally used for tires. Pontiac is reported playing with a wood tire and Fisher Body has been trying a steel wheel band in place of a tire. Goodyear is also said to be working on a rubberless tire. Maybe we'll have a synthetic tire before we have enough synthetic rubber.

#### Synthetic Rubber Experting

The experts on synthetic rubber say that a 700,000-tons-annually production rate will be reached by the end of 1943. But because of the allied nations' need for rubber there isn't a ray of sunshine in this fact for so-called non-essential usersnot even in 1944.

#### Truck Tire Quota Upped

May tire and tube ration quotas

call for fewer new truck tires but more recaps than in April. The May truck tire quota provides 238,259 new and 379,060 recapped tires compared with 275,523 and 246,442, respectively, in April. Truck inner tube quota for May is 328,836 against 260,983. The 16 per cent tire price increase granted by OPA applies to passenger car tires but not to truck tires.

#### Card Rationing of Gas

Gasoline rationing is slated to begin May 15. From that date on drivers of non-commercial vehicles will have to use ration cards. Operators of all trucks and other motor vehicles that are readily recognized as commercial vehicles will not need cards for gasoline purchases.

#### U.S. Buys Up Trailers

The Defense Supplies Corp., a Federal agency, is arranging to buy up the 12,000 truck trailers, valued at \$16,000,000, frozen under the terms of the truck and trailer rationing order. The arrangement was suggested by ODT and WPB. Government pur-



by ROBERT F. BAHL (Correct answers on page 56)

Take care of your truck, and your truck will take care of you. Now that the war effort has placed restrictions on the purchase of new trucks, it's doubly important that you keep your present ones from getting old. That's why this Quiz deals entirely with ways to make your truck last There are 10 questions. . Give yourself 10 points for each correct answer.

Keep your truck well lubricated if you don't want it to become a "war casualty," but remember that oil and grease can do a lot more harm than good on . . .

a. Chrome finish. c. Water pump. d. Speedometer cable. b. Tires.

Here's one very good reason for keeping your air cleaner "clean"—for every gallon of gasoline you use, the amount of air passing through your carburetor is . . .

a. two gallons. c. 100 gallons. b. ten gallons. d. 10,000 gallons.

Rule No. 1 in prolonging the life of your tires is to keep them properly inflated. It's better to err a little on the side of overinflation rather than underinflation, except . . .
a. When roads are icy.

b. When atmosphere temperature is above 80 deg. F.

c. When traveling for long stretches over smooth roads.

d. When traveling on macadam roads.

Why should you idle a hot engine a few minutes before turning off the ignition?

> a. To keep the battery from discharging excessively.

> b. To avoid damage to the octane selector.

c. To prevent "vapor lock."

d. To avoid "flooding" the carburetor.

With chromium high on the critical list. the chrome finish on your truck almost takes on the aspect of gold plating. You can keep your chrome shining longer if you regularly treat it with . . .

a. Salt solution. c. Butter.b. Lime water. d. Furniture wax.

chase of trucks frozen for rationing has also been suggested by ODT.

#### Truck Production Extended

Early in April truck manufacturers were given until April 30 by WPB to finish up February medium and heavy truck civilian quotas (9000 lb. gross weight and over). Manufacturers also have until May 31 to wind up amended March quotas of heavy trucks (16,000 lb. gross and over). March quotas previously had been cancelled.

#### **ODT Maintenance Matters**

The Maintenance Section of ODT's Motor Transport Division is getting up procedure for storing trucks. This will tell the trade how to store trucks for safe-keeping pending transfer by rationing, and tell operators hit by conservation orders how to tuck their trucks away for the duration. We learn from one informant that it costs \$15 in labor and materials (mostly labor, of course) to tuck away a truck. The Maintenance Section is also trying to work up a plan

for policing the maintenance program given elsewhere in this issue.

#### Our Gripe of the Month

In justifying harsh measures directed at the public Washington bureaucrats make a habit of ballyhooing absurd examples of practices which their harsh measures are intended to correct. Thus in justifying stringent gas rationing they say "it is unthinkable that sailors be asked to take the risk of going down on a burning ship in order that someone may have gasoline to go to a bridge party or the ball game." The absurdity used against trucks is: "We can't have trucks running around just to deliver an orchid to some society lady." Those who use the one-orchid load as a common denominator of truck use won't be swaved by facts but anyway they should know that florists operate approximately 6300 commercial vehicles, many of them passenger cars. They are the only ones likely to haul an orchid and they represent one and one-quarter thousandths of one per cent (.00125) of trucks registered in this country.



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#### Hand Truck Catalog

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#### Tire Conservation Booklet

A new publication pertaining to the conservation of tires has been announced by the Bear Mfg. Co. The book tells briefly, but vividly, the value of wheel alignment and wheel balance in the conservation of tires. Check "B" on the postcard.

#### Bearing Shop Manual

Containing in convenient reference form essential size information for engine bearing service, a new shop manual has just been published by Federal-Mogul Corp. Covering such vital information as bearing oil clearances, crankshaft dimensions, and installation of shims, this 64-page book is divided into sections for quick reference. Check "C" on the postcard.

#### Tire Text

A new 52-page booklet explaining in detail the rules for the proper care of truck tires and containing suggestions which will enable operators to obtain every possible mile of service from their present tires has just been released by The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Check "D" on the postcard.

#### Metal Cleaning In Wartime

The Mangus Chemical Company, Inc., has just announced the publication of a new 50-page book on metal cleaning. In addition to the cleaning problems encountered in the production of war materials, a section is devoted to cleaning in maintenance and repair shops. Check "E" on the postcard.

#### 6

Changing the spark plugs in your engine is important, especially in times like these. The correct gap is important and also the correct "temperature characteristic." A plug that gets too hot will burn its points out rapidly, while one that is too cool will . . .

- a. Cause knocking due to pre-ignition.b. Quickly become fouled with oil or
- c. Make the motor prone to stall.
- d. Put extra strain on the ignition system.

#### 7

Why is it bad to park your truck under a maple tree?

- Maple sap drops from the branches and mars the paint finish.
- b. Insect secretions drop and are harmful to the finish.
- Tires will become underinflated from the coolness.

#### 8

Uneven or "feather edge" wear on the tread blocks of your tires is a danger flag.

It's a warning that . . .

- a. Tires are overinflated.
- b. You drive at too fast a speed.
   c. You turn the corners too fast and too sharply.
- d. Your wheels are out of alignment.

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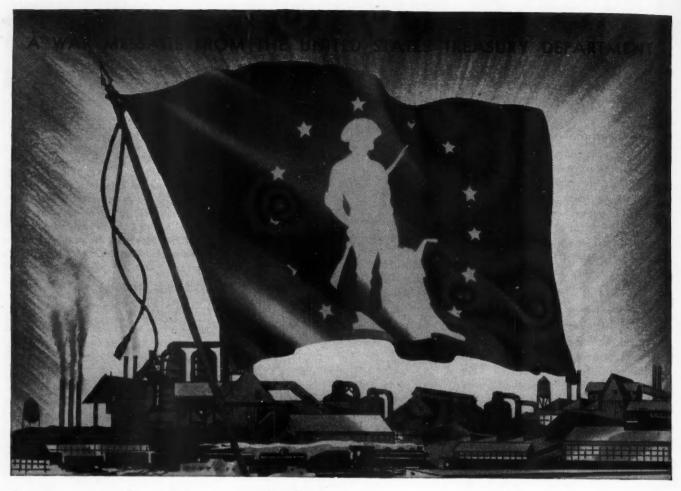
Go ahead and tell us we're crazy, but first tell us which of these is especially good for cleaning the windshield of your truck?

- a. Pink lemonade.
- b. Stale beer.
- c. The first snow in March.
- d. Castor oil.

#### 10

Wasting gasoline when you could get all you wanted was bad enough. Now, though, it is tantamount to sabotage. This last question, then, asks you which of these driving practices is wasteful of gasoline?

- a. Low gear driving.
- b. "Pumping" the accelerator.
- c. Driving at a speed greater than 45 miles per hour.
- d. Sudden stopping.



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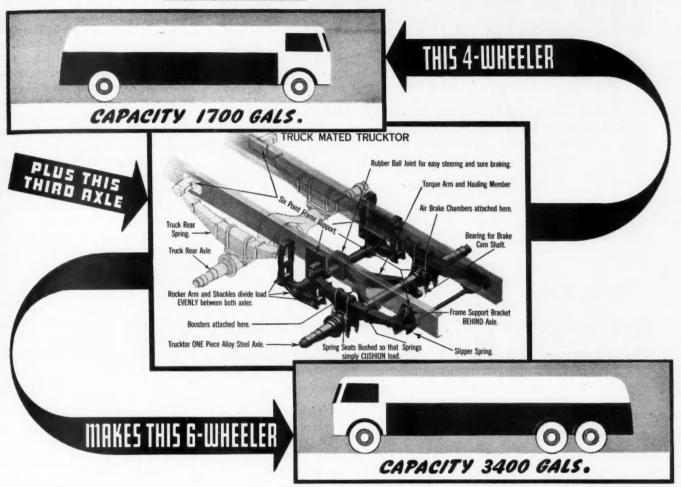
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#### **BYERS TIRES**

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corrected at the stop. Tool kits are carried on each truck for just such purposes and if the driver cannot find the cause, he allows the tire to cool to normal pressure, makes a note on his run-card and proceeds to the next check stop station.

These stations are located approximately every 50 miles along the route. They are established by our insurance company which holds them responsible for correctness of equipment such as air pressure gauges. There

is a time clock in each, supplied by the insurance company, and the driver must note the time in and out on his run-card.

The stations are spaced and stops timed so that the motors and tires will be allowed to cool, and the driver to rest. This cuts down motor and tire wear. Each stop is for 20 minutes, which has been found to be sufficient time to allow tires to lose picked-up air pressure in 50 miles of driving. Air is never let out at the stops to reduce pressure but allowed to cool out. Tire pressure is checked after the cooling period.

Checking air at the stops also locates most slow air leaks before they can do damage and makes repair of them then much simpler. We also used these stops to finger-check lug bolts. However, we haven't found this necessary since we adopted a policy of having two men put their weight on lug bolts to tighten them with the wrench.

Most of our new tires begin their work on any one of our tractor wheels or the outside trailer wheels because these are the trouble points: The front tractor wheels because tire failure at this point often will throw the unit out of control; the rear tractor wheels because they not only carry heavy weight but must also stand the "drive" pressure for the entire unit and thus are most likely to pick up heat pressure; the outside trailer wheels because they ride the curb and crumbled edges of the highway more than any other tires and must suffer more bruises as well as carrying a heavier load some of the As they become older and worn they are transferred to the inside trailer wheels. On our 500-mile run we use only tires that have never had a casing break, that have more than 1/32-in. of tread, and will hold air pressure as well as a new tire.

Ninety per cent of our new tires are mounted during cold weather (Oct. 1 to May 1) because our records show that cold weather mounted tires outlast warm weather mounted tires by 20 per cent. Two examples from our file are representative: They show that two tires mounted in October ran 76,000 miles and 79,000 miles before needing recapping while two purchased at the same time from the same firm but mounted in July needed recapping at 61,000 and 63,500 miles. About 90 per cent of our tires are recapped.

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mediately entered on a double record; first on the card supplied by the manufacturer which is filed according to serial number and, secondly, on the record card of the unit to which it is assigned. Tires come up automatically for switch overs, according to the amount of wear as noted on these cards.

Heretofore we bought our year's supply of tires in advance and plan their life on a 20-month basis. October was our tire buying date and we made volume purchases at one time so as to take advantage of lower cost.

We send our tires to be recapped when the center tread is just worn smooth. This period is usually anticipated two or three trips in advance. We never use recaps on drive wheels in warm weather because we have found that due to extra pull and stop "drive" pressure they will stand up 30 per cent less than if placed on inside trailer wheels, while the same factor doesn't appear to bother new tires.

Formerly we found that our tire company would accept 10 per cent of our tires for a second recapping but something seemed to happen to these tires, such as bruises or casing breaks by the time they approached 150,000 miles, so we discontinued the practice.

Whether a tire will take recapping is left entirely up to our tire company which guarantees the job. When the recap comes back to us it usually goes on one of the trailer wheels and stays there on the 500 mile run until it has piled up about 125,000 miles and is beginning to get smooth. Then it is either transferred to the short-run or put on city delivery work until it wears down to the cords or otherwise fails in operation. Many of our tires pass the 150,000 mile mark under this plan and we are aiming at obtaining this as an average. The older these recaps get the more they are confined to cold weather work because we have found that this practice will often give us longer service.

About 90 per cent of our tires will take a recap and we prefer the "rib" type because of our use on trailers which seems to favor this type of tread.

We never have tires regrooved because our tire company informs us that this weakens the tire, adds noth-

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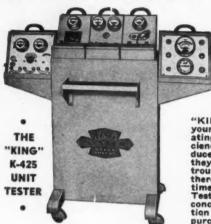


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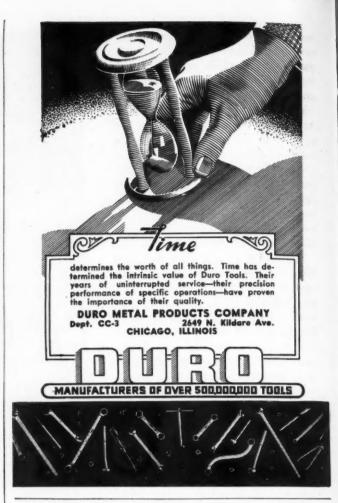


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This inspection is part of our shop's 500-mile check of each unit which also includes: check of water pump and cooling system for leaks, check of oil level and amount of oil used on last trip, check of all lights including stop and focus, check of spark plugs and points as well as exposed wires.

Any one of the three persons inspecting may direct that a tire be dismounted for spreading and further inspection. The inspection is scheduled if a tire appears to need a recap, if it has been losing pressure, if it gives the appearance of a casing break or cut, or if it appears to be cracking or deteriorating more than normal.

We always mount new tires with new tubes because we have found the tube's lifetime to be about the same as the tire—150,000 miles. I spend two hours daily matching casings for dual wheels and checking tires for abnormal wear and expansion. Spares are frequently used in this matching process.

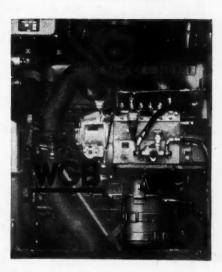
Ideal matching of tires, in my opinion, includes: same make and same general age and mileage, about same depth and type of tread, and same expansion of casing.

In a tire's lifetime we will change it two to three times to meet weather conditions and thus lengthen its life, and when possible we observed the same winter curing process for recaps that we do for new tires. We

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do not shift tires from wheel to wheel at regular intervals but according to wear; in other words we try to balance the wear of the tires mounted together.

We do not charge shop expense of changing tires to tire cost because our five mechanics, who work three shifts on a 24-hour basis, have been able to fit it into their schedule with little ef-We employ the usual tire fort changing equipment with the exception that we have rigged up a wood block, slightly smaller than the wheel rim to help in dismounting tires. This wood block is mounted on a heavy steel base and when the air is removed from tires the wheel is lowered with force on the block and usually the tire drops down over the block without the need to hammer it

In line with our tire program, the shop makes a complete brake inspection every 2500 miles. This has stretched out brake life to 80,000 miles. The inspection includes cleaning the valves, checking air lines for brakes, examination of the linings and a test of the hook-up for balance. Then the mechanic rides with the truck on its next trip out to the first check-station about 16 miles through heavy city and highway traffic to check the brakes on the road.

At the same time we check wheel alignment and are able to catch misalignment before it causes excessive tire wear. We have cut down out-of-line wheel trouble by being careful about bumping curbs.

In checking for tire expansion we use wood rods with diameter the same as the distance between new tires mounted on dual wheels. We simply pass this rod between the tires on the loaded truck and if it won't pass then we take the tires off and measure them with a "C" gauge. We have standardized on wheels so this distance is always the same unless the tires have expanded.

One-half inch is considered excessive expansion of tires by us and any tire that expands this much is removed from highway work. Seldom will an expanded tire run more than 5000 miles on road work but may give 10,000 to 15,000 miles of city work. Because of our light loads we have little tire expansion worry.

To cut down drag on equipment (TURN TO PAGE 126, PLEASE)



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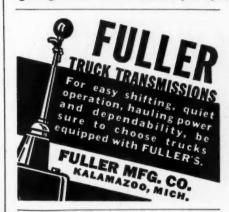
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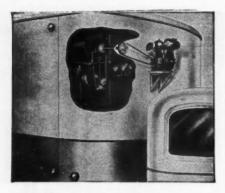
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due to poor lubrication, resulting in tire and fuel waste, all wheels and chassis are lubricated every 500 miles. We lubricate so frequently because on our 500-mile runs our trucks will run into rain or water on the slab on 75 per cent of their trips with the result that lubricant is washed out. Lubrication can be done while our trucks are being loaded as we have an air line along the loading

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Off-balance loading will not only blow out tires but also cause road sway and unnatural wear to many moving parts. Our shop foreman and drivers check all loads carefully for over or off-balance loading before starting the run.

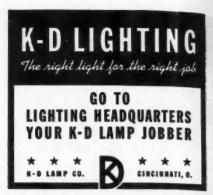
Another shop help which we are considering is a casing-shaped tube tester made of fine mesh wire and braced. Our idea is to place the tube under this covering and expand it to "load" air pressure to determine if it has high pressure leaks or shows weak spots. We believe this will tell us if older tubes are fit for further

Frankly, with our present tires we don't expect to get more than a total average mileage of 150,000, including recaps. After traveling that distance the tires seem to get soft and are easily injured.

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The following are some bills already signed by state governors:

#### Massachusetts

Under emergency powers Governor decreed 40-mile speed limit as well as periodic inspection of tires.

#### Mississippi

H. 666 requires common, contract and private carriers in interstate commerce from outside the state to pay gas tax of six cents per gallon if not purchased in the state.

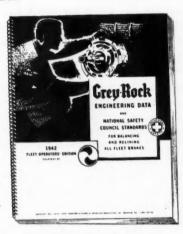
#### **New York**

Forty-mile speed law signed.

#### Virginia

Governor signed bill amending speed limits and authorizing him to lower limit to 40 miles.

H. 390 refunds portion of license fees when vehicles cannot be operated because of lack of tires and



#### Fleet Brake Service Manual

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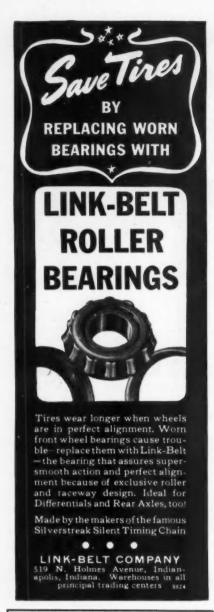
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#### A DISCUSSION OF TRUCK RATIONING

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job study to determine if their present equipment could be utilized more intensively? How could they prove their answers unless a thorough study were made? How many of the applicants made a thorough canvass of ALL OTHER operators in their area to find out if they could work out a pooling arrangement? What answer would an applicant be likely to get from his competitors? How many applicants know the names and addresses of all other operators in their area? How many operators know what is meant by pooling in order to discuss the problem intelligently with all other operators to arrive at an honest answer? Is a negative answer by other operators to the pooling proposal sufficient proof that the applicant has exhausted his efforts in this direction? How can the applicant prove that pooling is not the answer to his need for transportation equipment unless he knows how many vehicles all other operators in his area have in constant use and in reserve, the extent of their utilization, etc.? What operator is in position to make such a survey?

How can the applicant prove that he cannot lease the equipment he needs unless he submits a list of the operators and truck-leasing agencies whom he approached? Can this list be anything but a complete directory of operators and leasing agencies in his area if he is to avoid the accusation of having made a false statement or of not having answered the question "completely?"

How is the applicant to interpret the phrase ". . . or some other arrangement?" Would a horse and wagon classify as some other arrangement? Would a railroad? What did the authors of the application form have in mind when they referred to "other arrangements?" One arrangement they had in mind, of course, to judge by the official "Instructions to Applicants," was the transfer of vehicles used for "less essential purposes" to the use for which the new vehicle is being requested. How can any applicant determine this unless "less essential purposes" is specific-



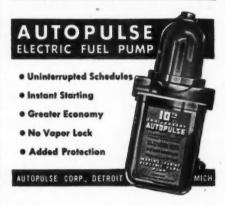
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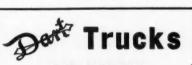
ally defined in terms of commodities carried? If military materials are an "essential commodity" isn't every other civilian commodity a "less essential" one? In that case how can any applicant qualify for a new truck unless all of his present trucks are engaged in hauling essential military materials?

For these reasons the ability of any operator to answer Question 10 complete with proof is seriously questioned. It is wondered if the Office of Defense Transportation expects a complete answer. It raises the suspicion that Question 10 simply provides a mass of technicalities with which arbitrary control over the approval of applications can be excercised.

Ouestion 24, it is contended, will scare out honest answers and encourage subterfuge. This question asks: "If new vehicle is to be used as replacement, state make, model, mileage, and general condition of vehicle to be replaced and also explain why this vehicle cannot be repaired to serve your purpose?"

Experienced maintenance men will undoubtedly support the conclusion that it will have to be a rare vehicle either so old that even junkyards cannot provide needed parts, or so wrecked that even modern salvaging methods cannot restore it to usefulness-that cannot be repaired to serve the same purpose as the vehicle being replaced. Only in those rare instances, therefore, will the question be answered honestly. The alternative is subterfuge. If the applicant really wishes to use the new vehicle as a replacement, he has the alternative of disposing of it, temporarily to a relative or friend, or permanently to some other person.

This is not to imply that subterfuge has been practised by some of (TURN TO PAGE 130, PLEASE)



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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 129) those who have made application for new vehicles. The issue is raised simply to advance the contention that in all but rare instances honest answers to Question 24 will provide the rationers with technical grounds for rejection.

In fact there are those who believe that Question 23 should be eliminated, in which case Question 24 would go out with it. Question 23 asks the applicant to check whether the vehicle requested would be used as replacement or as additional equipment. They ask: While the dominant need is for additional equipment, and there are so few vehicles in the pool to go around to those needing additional equipment, why should anyone be granted the special privilege of replacement?

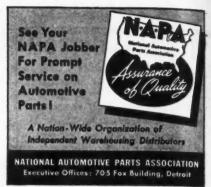
Question 26 is in four parts and, from the point of view of the trade, its value needs to be reconsidered. The applicant is asked to check (1) if the requested vehicle is being held by the sales agency and is ready for transfer; (2) if the requested vehicle must be manufactured to order; (3) if he is reasonably sure delivery can be secured within 30 days from a dealer having vehicles in stock at present; (4) if the requested vehicle is at present not held in stock, will the order be placed upon receipt of the Certificate of Transfer.

It is admitted that the checking presents no problem. But it does represent more paper work, more opportunities for slight errors that may be used as technical grounds for rejection or return of the application.

At the same time it is maintained that the questions asked have no bearing on the eligibility of the applicant for a new vehicle; that there is no point to No. 2 now that the manufacture of new trucks has been ordered stopped; that the answers provide no record useful to ODT and that the effort they involve should be conserved; that the problem of procurement after application has been granted need be no concern of ODT.

These are some of the arguments advanced in favor of a revision of the PD-310 application form.

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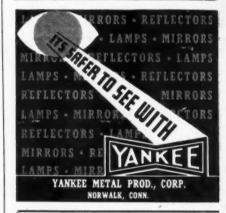


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Admission is also made that excessive zeal in the handling of applications resulted in the rejection or return of many applications but that overzealous regard for technicalities has been corrected.

The lack of control over virtually automatic transfers by means of PD-322 Government Exemption Permits is recognized and an attempt is being made to establish some sort of control.

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#### Size & Weights Standards Urged

Legislation to provide uniform laws governing motor vehicle sizes and weights was called for in a resolution adopted by the Southern Motor Vehicle Administrators recently in Miami, Florida.

The uniform specifications call for the following: Width, 96 in.; height, 12½ ft.; length of single unit, 35 ft.; length of combination, 45 ft.; weight, 600 lb. per tire inch; weight for one axle, 18,000 lb.; weight for two axles, 30,000 lb.; weight for two axles, 30,000 lb.; weight for truck and full trailer, 40,000 lb.; weight for truck and full trailer, 40,000 lb.

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